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UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
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AN ORDER IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission
Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60, as amended

and

An Application by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
for Variance to Electric Plus Rate Schedules

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) January 12, 1995

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 6, 1995 British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") filed an application for a tariff variance with respect to Rate Schedules 1105, 1205, 1206 and 1207 - Residential and General Dual Fuel Interruptible Service ("E-Plus") concerning the use of alternative electrical space-heating equipment; and
- B. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs - Electrical Safety Branch issued an Equipment Disconnect Order for Flexwatt Radiant Ceiling Heating Panels. B.C. Hydro's Application requests approval to allow customers to switch from the Flexwatt system to an approved replacement system while continuing to benefit from service under the reduced E-Plus rates; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and supporting documentation and is satisfied that the variance to E-Plus Rate Schedules is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. B.C. Hydro's January 6, 1995 Application for an Electric Tariff variance to E-Plus Rate Schedules is approved, effective immediately. The approved variance to the tariff is as follows:

"Provided that E-Plus customers with Flexwatt radiant ceiling heating panels, who have been issued a disconnect order by the appropriate local electrical inspection authority, be allowed to install a replacement electric space-heating system, up to, but not exceeding, the installed capacity of the original Flexwatt system."

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2. B.C. Hydro will advise all E-Plus customers who have the Flexwatt Radiant Ceiling Heating Panels installed on their premises and, who have been issued an Equipment Disconnect Order from the Electrical Safety Branch, that the Availability of the E-Plus Rate Schedules will continue to apply to other approved electrical space-heating systems.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16th day of January, 1995.

BY ORDER



Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson