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

and

the Retail Access and Unbundled Tariff Hearing

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and

L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson) March 14, 1977

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By way of Commission Order No. G-6-97, dated January 24, 1997, the Commission set down a public hearing into the matter of Retail Access and Unbundled Tariffs to commence April 1, 1997; and
- B. The Order included provision for a pre-hearing conference to be held Friday, March 14, 1997; and
- C. The pre-hearing conference took place as scheduled and included discussion concerning the order of witnesses, the location of the hearing, and the need for rebuttal evidence.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The hearing will commence at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 1, 1997 in Meeting Room One of the Robson Square Conference Centre. Beginning Monday, April 7, the hearing will be held in the Commission's hearing room, located on the 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2N3.
- 2. Out-of-town hearings will be scheduled for the week commencing May 12, 1997. Exact times, dates and locations will be announced later.
- 3. Any party wishing to submit rebuttal evidence to the submissions made by other parties must file by 12:00 noon, Thursday, March 27, 1997.
- 4. An initial schedule of witnesses for the first two weeks of the hearing is attached as Appendix A to this Order. Some adjustment to this schedule may be required. Further schedules will be issued as the hearing progresses.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of March, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard Chairperson

Attachment

<u>DATE</u> <u>WITNESS SCHEDULE</u>

Tuesday, April 1 Ralph Cavanagh

(Consumers Association of Canada (BC Branch) et al.

Wednesday April 2 John Todd, Michael Margolick

(Consumers Association of Canada (BC Branch) et al.

Thursday, April 3 West Kootenay Power Ltd.

Friday, April 4 West Kootenay Power Ltd.

Monday, April 7 Dr. Larry Ruff

(Competition Bureau)

Tuesday, April 8 The Director of Investigation and Research

(Competition Bureau)

Wednesday, April 9 West Kootenay Power Ltd.

Thursday, April 10 British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority

Friday, April 11 British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority