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

and

A Hearing into the Issue of Retail Access and Unbundled Tariffs
under Sections 64, 85.2 and 97 of the Utilities Commission Act

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson; and)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) March 27, 1997

O R D E R

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. By way of a letter dated March 26, 1997, the Minister of Employment and Investment ("the Minister") requested that the said public hearing be deferred, having regard to the appointment of a Task Force to implement electricity market reform; and
- C. The Commission regards the request by the Minister to be a request to reconsider Order No. G-6-97.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The hearing scheduled to commence on April 1, 1997 is adjourned generally, to allow for the Commission to receive and consider the comments of Registered Intervenors respecting the request of the Minister.
- 2. Registered Intervenors who wish to comment on the Minister's request may do so by filing written submissions with the Commission by noon on April 11, 1997.

3. In their written submissions, Registered Intervenors may also wish to address the following topics:

- (a) if the Commission decides to accede to the Minister's request, what arrangements should be made for the disposition of the West Kootenay Power Ltd. Transmission Access Application, the Complaint filed by certain Rate Schedule 1821 customers and the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Wholesale Transmission Services Application; and
- (b) if the Commission decides to accede to the Minister's request, what arrangements should be made in respect of applications for participant assistance in respect of the proceedings under Order No. G-6-97.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 27th day of March, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chairperson