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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-105

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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

West Kootenay Power Ltd. - 1997 Annual Review

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
and Acting Chair) October 23, 1997
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Commission Order No. G-73-96 approved the May 24, 1996 Settlement Agreement setting up a rate adjustment mechanism for a three year test period beginning January 1, 1996, whereby West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") is required to file with the Commission a Statement of Adjustments for a rate increase effective January 1 of the next year; and
- B. The terms of the Settlement Agreement require that an Annual Review process be instituted, whereby the public will be invited to examine the material, submit other issues for determination by the Commission, and meet to review all issues prior to the rate application being made; and
- C. The Annual Review is also required in order to set the Load Forecast, Power Purchases and Distribution Extension Capital Expenditures for 1998 and parties may institute a complaint procedure before the Commission if not satisfied.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission will hold an Annual Review of the 1998 Revenue Requirements material on December 3, 1997 commencing at 9:00 a.m., at the Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort and Conference Centre, 1310 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C. A Public Information Town Hall Meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. for those parties not wishing to participate in the Annual Review.

2. WKP will appear at both meetings with informed Company representatives available to answer questions from customers and interested parties in attendance.
3. WKP is directed to file its Preliminary 1998 Revenue Requirements material with the Commission by November 7, 1997 and to provide copies of this Order and material to all parties previously registered for the 1996 Annual Review process.
4. WKP will arrange for publication of the Notice of Annual Review Meeting and Public Information Town Hall Meetings in local newspapers in its service area. The advertisements are to be supplemented by the use of spot radio ads and community service announcements as well as posting the Notice on community bulletin boards so as to provide adequate public notice to customers in its service areas.
5. Those persons wishing to participate in the Annual Review are to advise the Commission Secretary of their intention to do so, in writing, no later than Monday, November 17, 1997.
6. Participants in the Annual Review requesting additional information from WKP should do so as soon as possible after receipt of the material and WKP is directed to use its best efforts to respond in a timely manner.
7. In order for the Commission to make a timely decision following the Annual Review, final comments from the participants must be received by Friday, December 12, 1997.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of October, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair
and Acting Chair