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

and

An Application by Princeton Light and Power Company, Limited
for Approval of its Rate Design - TRANS-X Application

BEFORE: K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner) June 25, 1997

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 9, 1997 Princeton Light and Power Company, Limited ("PLP") applied to the Commission for approval of its Rate Design initiatives identified as "TRANS-X Rates" pursuant to Sections 23 and 61 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- B. The Commission finds that the TRANS-X Rates Application requires review by way of a written hearing.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The following Regulatory Timetable summarizes the key dates in the review process of the PLP TRANS-X Application. Further details are provided in the attached Notice of Written Hearing. Should a public hearing become necessary it will be scheduled by way of future Commission Order.

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION DEADLINE	DATE (1997)
Deadline for publication of Hearing Notice	July 18
Deadline for Registration as Intervenor/Interested Party	July 31
Deadline for filing Participant Assistance Budgets	July 31
Deadline for filing additional evidence by PLP	August 8
Deadline for filing Information Requests by Commission staff or Intervenors	August 15
PLP Responses to Information Requests	August 29
Written Arguments by Intervenors	September 12
Reply Arguments by PLP	September 26

2. PLP is to distribute copies of the TRANS-X Application and Commission Order No. G-71-97 to all Intervenor as they become registered with the Commission. PLP is to distribute a copy of an Executive Summary and Order No. G-71-97 to Interested Parties.
3. PLP is to publish the Notice of Written Hearing, attached as Appendix A, in the local Princeton Spotlight newspaper. PLP is to inform customers, by way of a notice printed on its next customer bill, of the Application, the Regulatory Timetable, and the availability of an Executive Summary.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 2nd day of July, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Kenneth L. Hall
Commissioner

Attachment

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NOTICE OF WRITTEN HEARING

PRINCETON LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED APPLICATION FOR RATE DESIGN INITIATIVES - TRANS-X RATES

THE APPLICATION

Princeton Light and Power Company, Limited ("PLP") applied to the Commission on June 9, 1997 for redesign of its tariffs and rates for all customers in its service area, referred to as the "TRANS-X" Application. The proposed rate structure is intended to prepare PLP for competitive energy markets and will reflect the true cost of service to each customer class. Overall, the proposed rate structure is revenue neutral for PLP compared to the existing tariffs.

PROCESS

As outlined in the Regulatory Timetable contained in Order No. G-71-97, the Commission has determined that the TRANS-X Application requires a written hearing to allow customers, intervenors and interested parties to review the proposals and provide comments. The deadline for Intervenor registration with the Commission is July 31, 1997.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The TRANS-X Application, supporting material and Commission Order No. G-71-97 are available for inspection at the following locations.

Princeton Light and Power Company, Limited

#236 - 805 Comox Street
Penticton, B.C.
Telephone: (250) 492-3172

91 Billiter Street
Princeton, B.C.
Telephone: (250) 295-3244

Copies of the application documents and supporting material are also available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

Registered Intervenor or Interested Parties requesting additional information from PLP should do so as soon as possible, but no later than August 15, 1997. PLP is to respond to such requests no later than August 29, 1997.

WRITTEN ARGUMENT / EVIDENCE BY INTERVENORS

Written submissions or evidence from Intervenor is required to be filed with the Commission Secretary and PLP by September 12, 1997. PLP is to reply to submissions by September 26, 1997.

PARTICIPANT ASSISTANCE

All parties intending to apply for Participant Assistance must file a budget by July 31, 1997 consistent with the Commission's Policy and Rate Sheet as outlined in Order No. G-103-96. Copies of the Participant Funding Policy and Rate Sheet are available from the Commission upon request.

CLARIFICATION

Persons intending to participate in the PLP TRANS-X Rate Design Application and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary or Mr. Cameron Lusztig, Energy Utility Economist as follows:

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BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert J. Pellatt