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Mr. Richard J. Gathercole Counsel for CAC (B.C.) et al. The British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre 815 - 815 West Hastings Street Vancouver, B.C. V6C 1B4

Dear Mr. Gathercole:

Re: Retail Access and Unbundled Tariff Hearing Reconsideration of Request for Participant Assistance Cost Award

Further to your letter of July 8, 1997 requesting a reconsideration of the CAC (B.C.)'s cost award under Order No. F-7-97, in particular, the reduction in consultant costs of Dr. Margolick, the Commission has denied your application.

In making its determination, the Commission disagrees with your submission that relevance should be the only determinant for making funding awards in the circumstances of this particular hearing. In making the participant assistance awards for this hearing, the Commission applied the approved funding criteria established by Order No. G-103-96 to the material filed by the participants. the award made to the CAC (B.C.) was based on the Commission's assessment of the material submitted under the funding criteria.

Yours truly,

Róbert J. Pellatt

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