



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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's
Price Dispatched Curtailment Program

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner)
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner) June 3, 1999
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 4, 1998, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") applied to the Commission for approval of a new tariff, the Price Dispatched Curtailment ("PDC") Pilot Program, identified as Rate Schedule 1849, for the period December 14, 1998 through February 28, 1999, pursuant to Sections 58 and 61 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- B. The Commission by Order No. G-107-98, approved the PDC Pilot Program for the period December 14, 1998 through February 28, 1999 and required B.C. Hydro to provide the Commission with a detailed evaluation report by March 31, 1999. On March 31, 1999, B.C. Hydro filed its PDC Evaluation Report in accordance with the Order; and
- C. In a letter dated April 20, 1999, the Commission requested comments from interested parties regarding B.C. Hydro's PDC Pilot Program and the Evaluation Report; and
- D. The Commission reviewed the PDC Pilot Program, the Evaluation Report and comments received from interested parties and, on May 20, 1999, issued Order No. G-57-99, which began a process to develop a permanent PDC Program by establishing a Workshop for June 17, 1999; and
- E. On May 31, 1999, B.C. Hydro requested that the PDC Workshop be postponed and that the Commission approve minor amendments to Rate Schedule 1849 and activate the amended PDC Program effective June 1, 1999; and

F. On June 1, 1999, the Commission asked parties interested in the PDC Program to comment on B.C. Hydro's May 31, 1999 request and to respond by June 2, 1999. Comments were received from the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre, the Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee, and Mr. Lloyd Guenther; and

G. The Commission has reviewed the B.C. Hydro filing and responses from interested parties and finds that an Order is required.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission rescinds Order No. G-57-99.
2. The Commission approves for B.C. Hydro Rate Schedule 1849, effective June 1, 1999, on a temporary basis until a permanent PDC Program can be approved by the Commission in the fall of 1999.
3. B.C. Hydro is ordered to file an application for a permanent PDC Program by August 13, 1999.
4. B.C. Hydro is to provide all known interested parties and customers in the PDC Program with a copy of this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10th day of June 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair