



BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-74-99

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

and

An Application by West Kootenay Power Ltd.
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
to Upgrade its Penticton Subtransmission System

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner) July 8, 1999
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 25, 1999, West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to upgrade its Subtransmission System with a new 63 kV circuit through the City of Penticton ("the City") and for related substation modifications at the R.G. Anderson Terminal Station and at several substations in and around the City ("the Penticton Project", "the Application"), pursuant to Section 45 of the Utilities Commission Act; and
- B. The Penticton Project is estimated to cost approximately \$2,900,000 and will require the existing 63 kV line through the City to be rebuilt to include a second circuit and is required to be completed by April 2000; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the application for the Penticton Project and finds that a Regulatory Timetable and public hearing process is required to be established.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A Regulatory Agenda and Timetable into WKP's Penticton Project is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
- 2. A public hearing into the Penticton Project is scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 20, 1999 at the Penticton Inn and Conference Centre, 333 Martin Street, Penticton, B.C.

3. A Town Hall Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 24, 1999 at the Penticton Inn and Conference Centre. A Workshop will be held on August 25, 1999 at 8:30 a.m. at the same location.
4. A Notice of Public Hearing, Town Hall Meeting and Workshop is attached as Appendix B to this Order. WKP is required to publish the Notice, as soon as possible, in the Vancouver Sun and Province and in local newspapers in the affected service area, in order to adequately notify its customers. A copy of the Order is required to be sent to intervenors and interested parties in recent WKP proceedings.
5. The Application and supporting information is to be made available for inspection at the Head Office of WKP, 1290 Esplanade Street, Trail, B.C. V1R 4L4, and at its District Offices in Kelowna, Penticton and Oliver.

The Application and supporting information are also available for inspection at the office of the B.C. Utilities Commission, 6th Floor – 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3.

6. WKP is to distribute copies of the Application and any supplemental and/or supporting information to Registered Intervenors. A copy of Order No. G-74-99 will be sent by the Commission to all parties registering with the Commission.
7. Registered Intervenors and Interested Parties intending to make requests for additional information, or to participate in the Workshop or Public Hearing, are to follow the Regulatory Agenda and Timetable set out in Appendix A to this Order.
8. All parties intending to apply for Participant Assistance must file a budget by Friday, September 3, 1999. The budget must be consistent with the Commission's Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines as outlined in Order No. G-97-98. Copies of the Order and Guidelines are available upon request or from the Commission's web site: www.bcuc.com/paca.html.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of July 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair

Attachments

REGULATORY AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

**WEST KOOTENAY POWER LTD.
Application for a
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
to Upgrade the Penticton Subtransmission System**

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>DATES (1999)</u>	<u>Time</u>
Town Hall Meeting	Tuesday, August 24	7:00 p.m.
Pre-hearing Workshop	Wednesday, August 25	8:30 a.m.
Deadline for Intervenor Registration	Monday, August 30	
Filing of Initial Information Requests to West Kootenay Power Ltd.	Tuesday, August 31	
Deadline for Filing Participant Assistance Budgets	Friday, September 3	
West Kootenay Power Ltd. Responses to Information Requests	Tuesday, September 7	
Intervenor Evidence Filed	Monday, September 13	
Public Hearing commences	Monday, September 20	9:00 a.m.



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
WORKSHOP AND TOWN HALL MEETING**

**Application by West Kootenay Power Ltd.
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
to Upgrade its Subtransmission System in Penticton, B.C.**

	Town Hall Meeting	Workshop	Public Hearing
Time:	7:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Date:	August 24, 1999	August 25, 1999	commencing September 20, 1999
Location:	Penticton Inn and Conference Centre 333 Martin Street Penticton, B.C. V2A 5K7 Tel: (250) 492-3600	Penticton Inn and Conference Centre 333 Martin Street Penticton, B.C. V2A 5K7 Tel: (250) 492-3600	Penticton Inn and Conference Centre 333 Martin Street Penticton, B.C. V2A 5K7 Tel: (250) 492-3600

THE APPLICATION AND REGULATORY PROCESS

On June 25, 1999, West Kootenay Power Ltd. ("WKP") applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to construct, build and operate its subtransmission system in the Penticton, B.C. area ("the Penticton Project", "the Application"). The proposed upgrade consists of:

- the addition of a 63 kV line termination at the R.G. Anderson Terminal Station;
- a double circuit 63 kV line to replace the existing single circuit line between R.G. Anderson Terminal Station and Huth Substation;
- reconnect Line 49 to the new line, connect the existing 53 line to the existing 41 line, and connect the existing 52 line to the existing 42 line;
- dismantle portions of Huth Substation and install remote controlled load break switches on Lines 52, 53, 41 and 42.

The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$2,900,000 and is required to be completed by April 2000.

The Regulatory Agenda and Timetable attached to Commission Order No. G-74-99 establishes the dates for the Town Hall Meeting, Workshop and Public Hearing along with relevant filing deadlines for the proceeding.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Penticton Project Application and supporting material, including Order No. G-74-99, are available for inspection at the following West Kootenay Power Ltd. locations:

Head Office: 1290 Esplanade Street, Trail, B.C. V1R 4L4
District Offices: #106-2395 Gordon Drive, **Kelowna**, B.C. V1X 3X7
36895 71st Street/RR3, S20, C34, **Oliver**, B.C. V0H 1T0
1260 Commercial Way, **Penticton**, B.C. V2A 3H5

Copies of the Application and supporting material are also available for inspection at the office of the B.C. Utilities Commission, 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3.

INTERVENTIONS

Those customers or persons wishing to participate in the Workshop or in the Public Hearing are to advise the Commission Secretary of their intention to do so, in writing, as soon as possible. Intervenors and Interested Parties should inform the Commission in writing, by Monday, August 30, 1999, of their intention to become Intervenors or Interested Parties.

Registered Intervenors who actively participate in the review process will receive copies of the Penticton Project Application, all correspondence and filed documentation. Interested Parties who register with the Commission will receive a copy of the Application's Executive Summary, all Orders issued, as well as the Commission's Decision.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

Registered Intervenors or Interested Parties requesting additional information on the Penticton Project from WKP should do so no later than Tuesday, August 31, 1999. WKP is required to respond to information requests no later than Tuesday, September 7, 1999.

SUBMISSIONS BY INTERVENORS

Intervenors must file two copies of their written submissions or evidence concerning the Penticton Project Application, one with the Commission Secretary at Box 250, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3 and the other with WKP at P.O. Box 130, Trail, B.C., V1R 4L4, no later than Monday, September 13, 1999.

PARTICIPANT ASSISTANCE

All parties intending to apply for Participant Assistance for the Penticton Project Application must file a budget by Friday, September 3, 1999 consistent with the Commission's Guidelines as outlined in Order No. G-97-98. Copies of the Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines are available upon request or from the Commission's web site: www.bcuc.com/paca.html.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Persons intending to participate in the Penticton Project Application proceedings and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Bob Rerie, Senior Electrical Engineer, as follows:

Telephone:	(604) 660-4700	Facsimile:	(604) 660-1102
B.C. Toll Free:	1-800-663-1385	E-mail:	commission.secretary@bcuc.com

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert J. Pellatt
Commission Secretary