

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

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

and

An Application by Aquila Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Rebuild the Unit No. 5 Headgate at the Upper Bonnington Hydroelectric Generating Plant

BEFORE: L.A. Boychuk, Commissioner) October 2, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS:

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- A. On February 28, 2001 the Commission issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") No. C-2-01 to Aquila Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd. ("Aquila") for a Life Extension and Upgrade to Unit No. 5 at the Upper Bonnington Hydroelectric Generating Plant ("the Plant") located on the Kootenay River; and
- B. On August 27, 2003 Aquila applied to the Commission for a CPCN to rebuild Headgate No. 5 at the Plant, pursuant to Sections 45 and 46 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- C. The Project is estimated to cost \$813,000 and is necessary for the continued safe operation of Unit No. 5 as the present Headgate has exceeded its original life expectancy; and
- D. The Commission has determined that the expenditure for the Unit No. 5 Headgate rebuild is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission, pursuant to Section 45 of the Act, issues a CPCN to Aquila to rebuild Unit No. 5 Headgate at the Upper Bonnington Hydroelectric Generating Plant for an estimated cost of \$813,000.

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2. Aquila is to file a final report and cost summary with the Commission following completion of the Project.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this

 14^{th}

day of October 2003.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lori Ann Boychuk Commissioner