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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** F-7-04

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

and

**British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
2004/05 and 2005/06 Revenue Requirements Application
and
British Columbia Transmission Corporation
Application for Deferral Accounts**

BEFORE: R.H. Hobbs, Chair)
L.A. Boychuk, Commissioner) May 27, 2004
M. Birch, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") filed on December 15, 2003, pursuant to the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), an application to increase its rates by 7.23 percent effective April 1, 2004 and by 2.00 percent effective April 1, 2005 ("the Application"); and
- B. Following a Pre-hearing Conference held on January 14, 2004, the Commission issued Order No. G-7-04 which established a regulatory timetable including a public hearing to deal with the Application; and
- C. The Commission by Orders No. F-2-04, F-3-04 and F-4-04 ordered BC Hydro to pay the costs incurred by Allwest Reporting Ltd. ("Allwest") for court reporting services associated with Pre-hearing Conference No. 2 and equipment acquisition for the Homer Street Hearing Room; and
- D. On May 21 to 25, 2004 Allwest submitted four invoices: R0351, R0352, R0354 and 0534 for costs that it has incurred on behalf of the Commission for the oral public hearing and court reporting services into BC Hydro's Revenue Requirements Application; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the expenses of Allwest and has verified them to be appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 117 of the Act, the Commission awards funds to Allwest for its services in support of the BC Hydro 2004/05 Revenue Requirements proceeding and oral public hearing and court reporting services at the Commission's Hearing Room at 855 Homer Street, in the amount of \$29,777.05.

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2. BC Hydro is directed to reimburse Allwest Reporting Ltd. for the total amount awarded in a timely fashion.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 1st day of June 2004.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert H. Hobbs
Chair