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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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NUMBER** G-38-05

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

and

**An Application by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
for Transmission Service Rates**

BEFORE: R. H. Hobbs, Chair April 20, 2005
R.W. Whitehead, Commissioner
L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 10, 2005, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") applied to the Commission for approval of Transmission Service Rates ("Application"); and
- B. The Commission reviewed the Application and established a Procedural Conference to be held on April 7, 2005 to determine the further process and timetable for reviewing the Application; and
- C. Participants at the Procedural Conference submitted that there was a significant possibility of a negotiated settlement on issues in the Application and asked that the Commission establish a Workshop, Settlement Conference and Negotiated Settlement Process ("NSP"); and
- D. Commission Order No. G-35-04 dated April 8, 2005 established a BC Hydro Workshop and a subsequent NSP to begin on April 27, 2005, and a Procedural Conference to be held on May 18, 2005; and
- E. By letter dated April 13, 2005 the JIESC requested a delay of the commencement of the Workshop and NSP until May 16, 2005, and of the Procedural Conference until May 20, 2005; and

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F. By letter dated April 15, 2005, BC Hydro proposes that the Procedural Conference be rescheduled to May 25, 2005 to allow all parties time to review the results of the negotiations.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission Orders as follows:

1. BC Hydro will host a Workshop on the Application from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon on May 16, 2005. Following the Workshop, a NSP will be held in accordance with the NSP Guidelines dated January 2001. The NSP will begin at 1:30 p.m. also on May 16, 2005. The Workshop and NSP will be held in the Commission Hearing Room on the Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.
2. A Procedural Conference will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2005 commencing at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room on the Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 21st day of April 2005.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert H. Hobbs
Chair