

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CONSENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, EXTENSION AND OPERATION OF A GENERATING STATION

WHEREAS:

(1) Belize Electric Company Limited (“BECOL”) has by written application dated the 11th day of February 2003 (“the Application”) applied for the consent of the Public Utilities Commission (“the Commission”) to construct and operate:

(a) a Water Storage Facility (“the Chalillo Dam”) in an area on the Macal River upstream of the Mollejon Hydroelectric Plant and approximately 12 kilometres downstream of the intersection of the Macal and Raspaculo Rivers;

(b) a Powerhouse (“the Powerhouse”) with a generating capacity of approximately 7 megawatts at the base of the Chalillo Dam; and

(c) a Transmission Line (“the Transmission Line”) traversing a distance of 18 kilometres along a route interconnecting the Powerhouse with the Mollejon Hydroelectric Plant;

all as shown on the Plans, Engineering Drawings and Specifications submitted with the Application.

(2) BECOL intends to construct the said facilities for the purpose of increasing its existing generating capacity to sell electrical energy to Belize Electricity Limited (“BEL”) pursuant to the provisions of a Power Purchase Agreement to which BECOL and BEL are parties.

(3) BECOL and the Department of the Environment have executed an Environmental Compliance Plan in respect of the project.

(4) Notice dated the 12th day of February 2003 of the receipt of the Application and of its availability for viewing along with documents submitted in support thereof was published in newspapers in Belize having countrywide circulation, and an invitation was therein extended to all persons who might be interested or affected by the decision of the Commission to make representations and/or objections in writing to the Commission by the 7th day of March 2003.

(5) The Commission has received written objections to the Application and has given due consideration to the said objections and all representations made in connection therewith and has as well taken account of all other material considerations.

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred by the Public Utilities Commission Act (Chapter 223) and the Electricity Act (Chapter 221) the Commission hereby grants its consent:

(i) pursuant to section 51 of the Electricity Act for the construction, extension and operation by BECOL of a generating station on the Macal River including the Chalillo Dam and Powerhouse in accordance with the Plans, Engineering Drawings and Specifications submitted to the Commission by BECOL with its Application; and

(ii) pursuant to section 52 of the Electricity Act for the installation by BECOL in accordance with the said Plans, Engineering Drawings and Specifications of an electricity transmission line approximately 18 kilometres in length along the route shown on the said Plans and Engineering Drawings and connecting the Powerhouse with the existing Mollejon Hydroelectric Plant;

SUBJECT to the following conditions

1. That the works which are the subject of this Consent shall be carried out in accordance with the said Plans, Engineering Drawings and Specifications, and any addition, alteration or modification thereof shall require the written consent of the Commission.

2. That the said works shall be carried out in all respects so as to conform with the Environmental Compliance Plan executed by BECOL and the Department of the Environment in respect of the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND this

day of April 2003

Chairman