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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-7-06

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

and

**An Application by FortisBC Inc.
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Nk'Mip (East Osoyoos) Transmission and Substation Project**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Panel Chair and Commissioner
A.J. Pullman, Commissioner January 25, 2006
L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 12, 2005 FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") applied (the "Application") to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the Nk'Mip Transmission and Substation Project ("the Project"); and
- B. The Commission Panel, by Order No. G-114-05, ordered that an Oral Public Hearing be held to review the Application and set down a regulatory timetable and determined that no participant funding would be available for this hearing; and
- C. The Commission Panel issued a letter (Exhibit A-8) on December 22, 2005 describing the procedural format for the Oral Hearing; and
- D. The Commission Panel, by Letter No. L-01-06, varied Order No. G-114-05 to allow participants to apply for participant funding assistance; and
- E. The Commission Panel, by Order No. G-3-06, changed the format for the Oral Public Hearing scheduled for January 21, 2006 to a Pre-hearing Conference and Town Hall Meeting, and proposed an Issues List and a Revised Schedule for the hearing to review the Application; and

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- F. At the January 21, 2006 Pre-hearing Conference, FortisBC, Mr. Hans Karow and Osoyoos Now suggested changes to the proposed Issues List and Regulatory Timetable; and
- G. The Commission Panel has determined that a Revised Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application is required.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission directs that the Oral Public Hearing for the review of the Application will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2006 at the Osoyoos Seniors' Centre, 17 Park Place, Osoyoos, B.C., and establishes the Revised Regulatory Timetable for the proceeding that is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
2. The Issues List for the proceeding is attached as Appendix B to this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of January 2006.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Panel Chair and Commissioner

Attachments

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REVISED REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2006)
Submission of Participant Funding estimates	Tuesday, January 31
Commission Information Request No. 3 and Intervenor Information Requests No. 2 to FortisBC (restricted to filings by FortisBC after January 6, 2006)	Friday, February 3
FortisBC Responses to Commission and Intervenor Information Requests	Friday, February 10
Filing of Intervenor Evidence	Tuesday, February 21
FortisBC and Commission Information Requests to Intervenor	Wednesday, March 1
Intervenor Responses to FortisBC Information Requests	Friday, March 10
Oral Public Hearing commencing at 9:00 a.m. Osoyoos Seniors' Centre, 17 Park Place, Osoyoos, B.C.	Monday, March 20 thru Tuesday, March 21
Written Argument from FortisBC	Friday, March 31
Written Argument from Intervenor	Friday, April 7
Final Argument from FortisBC	Tuesday, April 18

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ISSUES LIST

1. Justification for Project
2. Alternative solutions (including Transmission and Distribution alternatives, immediate and longer term)
3. Appropriate Reliability levels for the Service Area
4. Route Options
5. Land Acquisition and Rights of Ways
6. Impact on Property values
7. Environmental impacts including EMF
8. EMF health issues
9. Esthetics and impact on Town Plan
10. Impact of delays to Project and bridging measures for mitigation