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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-140-06

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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 Ellison Substation Project**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Panel Chair & Commissioner
L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner November 9, 2006

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 27, 2006 FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") applied (the "Application") to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("Commission") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the Ellison Substation Project ("the Project"); and
- B. FortisBC states that the Project is estimated to cost \$ 15.77 million and is required to meet the added load growth, capacity requirements and the backup supply planning criteria for the north Kelowna area; and
- C. FortisBC, after considering various options, proposes to construct a new substation in the Ellison area of north Kelowna, convert 6.0 kilometers of existing distribution and transmission circuits to 138 kV transmission and connect the new substation to the area distribution network; and
- D. In response to feedback received in the July 2006 public information session FortisBC has identified a site for the proposed substation which is not in the ALR, and is in negotiations with the landowner; and
- E. The Commission considers that a public hearing is required to hear submissions on the proposed Ellison Substation Project.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission establishes an oral public hearing process for the review of the Application and proceeds with a Regulatory Timetable as attached in Appendix A.
2. FortisBC shall publish the Notice of Public Hearing, attached as Appendix B, in local papers by November 17, 2006, or as soon thereafter as it is possible to do so.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of November 2006.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara
Commissioner

Attachments

FortisBC Inc.
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application
for the Ellison Substation Project

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2006)
Commission Information Request No. 1	Wednesday, November 29
Intervenor Registration	Friday, December 1
Intervenor Information Request No. 1	Friday, December 8
FortisBC Responses to Commission and Intervenor Information Requests	Friday, December 15
Filing of Evidence by Intervenor and Witness CV's by FortisBC	Friday, December 29
ACTION	DATE (2007)
Filing of Rebuttal Evidence (if any)	Friday, January 5
Oral Public Hearing commences	Tuesday, January 9



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FORITSBC INC.
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY APPLICATION
FOR THE ELLISON SUBSTATION PROJECT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE APPLICATION

On October 27, 2006, FortisBC Inc. applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") for approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to construct and operate the proposed Ellison Substation and Transmission project that is projected to cost \$ 15.77 million. The Project consists of a new substation in the Ellison area of north Kelowna, converting 6.0 kilometers of existing distribution and transmission circuits to 138 kV transmission and connecting the new substation to the area distribution network. The substation location is immediately adjacent to the existing transmission and distribution corridors, so no new line route will be required. An existing 5.2 kilometer section of 13kV distribution circuit between the Duck Lake Substation and the proposed Ellison site will have a 138 kV transmission circuit overbuilt on the existing poles. This will tie into an existing 0.8 kilometers of line which is already constructed to 138kV standards. The project is required to meet the load growth, capacity requirements and the backup supply planning criteria for the north Kelowna area.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Commission Order No. G-140-06 established the Regulatory Timetable for the review of the FortisBC Inc. CPCN Application by way of an Oral Public Hearing to be held in Kelowna, B.C., commencing on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Grand Okanagan Hotel. An evening session of the Hearing with the primary purpose of receiving submissions by participants will be held on January 9, 2006 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The detailed Regulatory Timetable can be reviewed on the Commission's website <http://www.bcuc.com>
>Proceedings&Agendas>Current Applications.

INTERVENTIONS

Persons who expect to actively participate in the FortisBC proceeding should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing, by Friday, December 1, 2006, identifying their interest in the CPCN Application. Intervenor will receive copies of the CPCN Application as well as all correspondence and filed documentation and should provide an e-mail address if available.

Persons not expecting to actively participate in the FortisBC proceeding, but who have an interest in the Project and have not already registered, should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by Friday, December 1, 2006, identifying their interest in the CPCN Application. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Executive Summary, the Application section and all Orders issued.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the general public relating to the Application will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's web site.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS

The Application and supporting materials will be available for inspection at the following locations:

FortisBC Inc.

Head Office
Fifth Floor 1628 Dickson Avenue
Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 9X1
<http://www.fortisbc.com>

British Columbia Utilities Commission

Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street
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FortisBC Inc.

Trail Office
1290 Esplanade
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Public Libraries

Castlegar, Creston, Grand Forks, Kelowna,
Oliver, Penticton and Trail, BC

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Commission Secretary, Mr. Robert Pellatt or Mr. Brian Williston, Director, Engineering and Commodity Markets as follows:

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