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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-173-07

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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 Transmission Corporation
for Approval of a Transmission System Capital Plan F2009 to F2018**

BEFORE: R.H. Hobbs, Chair
L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner December 24, 2007

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Following a written hearing, by a Decision and Order No. G-91-05 dated September 23, 2005, the Commission issued its decision on the British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") Transmission System Capital Plan F2006 to F2015; and
- B. Following a written hearing, by a Decision and Order No. G-67-06 dated June 14, 2006, the Commission rendered its decision on the BCTC Transmission System Capital Plan F2006 to F2015 Update; and
- C. Following a written hearing, by a Decision and Order No. G-69-07 dated June 15, 2007, the Commission issued its decision on the BCTC Transmission System Capital Plan F2008 to F2017; and
- D. On December 21, 2007, pursuant to Sections 45(6), 45(6.1) and 45(6.2) of the Utilities Commission Act (the "Act"), BCTC filed its Transmission System Capital Plan F2009 to F2018 (the "F2009 Capital Plan" or the "Plan"); and
- E. In the filing, BCTC applied for an Order which states that the F2009 Capital Plan meets the requirements of Sections 45(6) and 45(6.1) of the Act, approves the Plan under subsection 45(6.2)(a) of the Act and, pursuant to subsection 45(6.2)(b), determines that capital expenditures relating to certain projects and programs for F2009 and F2010 in the Plan are in the public interest (the "Application"); and

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- F. BCTC recommends a written process for the regulatory review of the F2009 Capital Plan and the Application, on the basis that a written process provides an effective forum and best reflects the ongoing nature of the Plan and the type of expenditures that BCTC is seeking approval for; and
- G. The Commission has considered the matter, and has determined that a written public hearing is required for the regulatory review of F2009 Capital Plan and Application.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A written hearing process is established for the review of the F2009 to F2018 Transmission System Capital Plan Application, according to the Regulatory Timetable that is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
2. BCTC will publish the Notice of Application and Written Public Hearing that is attached as Appendix B, in the Vancouver Sun and Province, the Victoria Times Colonist and such local papers as provide sufficient coverage of its service area, as soon as it is possible to do so.
3. BCTC will provide a copy of this Order to all Intervenor who registered for the Transmission System Capital Plan F2008 to F2017 proceeding and the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority 2006 Integrated Electricity Plan and Long-Term Acquisition Plan proceeding.
4. Persons wishing to be Intervenor or Interested Parties in the proceeding should register, in writing, with the Commission by Wednesday, January 23, 2008.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of December 2007.

BY ORDER

Original signed by

R.H. Hobbs
Chair

Attachments

British Columbia Transmission Corporation (“BCTC”)
Application for Approval of
Transmission System Capital Plan F2009 to F2018

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2008)
Intervenor and Interested Party Registration	Wednesday, January 23
Commission Information Requests to BCTC	Thursday, January 31
Intervenor Information Requests to BCTC	Thursday, February 7
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Budgets	Thursday, February 14
BCTC Responses to Information Requests	Monday, February 25
BCTC Final Submission	Thursday, March 6
Intervenor Final Submissions	Thursday, March 13
BCTC Reply Submission	Friday, March 28



**BRITISH COLUMBIA TRANSMISSION CORPORATION
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN F2009 to F2018**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
AND
WRITTEN PUBLIC HEARING**

THE APPLICATION

On December 21, 2007, the British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") filed its Transmission System Capital Plan F2009 to F2018, and applied for an Order stating that the Plan meets the requirements of the Utilities Commission Act, and that capital expenditures relating to certain projects and programs for F2009 and F2010 are in the public interest. In the Plan, BCTC seeks approval of capital expenditures for the F2009 - F2010 period totaling almost \$300 million.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Commission Order No. G-173-07 established the Regulatory Timetable for the review of the F2009 Capital Plan and the Application by way of a Written Public Hearing.

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 BCTC proceeding should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing, by Wednesday, January 23, 2008, identifying their interest in the matter. Intervenor will receive copies of the F2009 Capital Plan 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 BCTC proceeding, but who have an interest in the matter, should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by Wednesday, January 23, 2008, identifying their interest in the matter. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Application section of the F2009 Capital Plan, and all Orders issued.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the general public relating to the F2009 Capital Plan and 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:

British Columbia Transmission Corporation

Head Office
Suite 1100, Four Bentall Centre
1055 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1V5
<http://www.bctc.com>

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