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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-109-08

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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 Approval of 2009-2010 Capital Expenditure Plan
and Review of 2009 System Development Plan Update**

BEFORE: A.W.K. Anderson, Panel Chair
and Commissioner July 4, 2008
A.A. Rhodes, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 27, 2008 FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") filed its 2009-2010 Capital Expenditure Plan ("2009-2010 CEP") and 2009 System Development Plan Update ("2009 SDP") and applied to the Commission for approval of the 2009-2010 CEP (the "Application"); and
- B. In the Application, FortisBC requests approval of its proposed capital expenditures for a two-year period as it did for the 2007/08 Capital Plan. The 2009-2010 CEP totals approximately \$178.8 million for 2009 and \$181.1 million for 2010; and
- C. In the 2009 SDP, FortisBC expenditures in the 2009-2010 timeframe increase from \$150.3 million as originally scheduled to \$251.1 million in the 2009 SDP Update; and
- D. FortisBC proposes a written hearing process to review the Application; and
- E. The Commission considers that written public hearing process is required for the review of the 2009-2010 CEP and the 2009 SDP.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission establishes a Written Public Hearing process for the review of the 2009-2010 CEP and 2009 SDP, in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A.
2. FortisBC is to conduct a Workshop on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 regarding the 2009-2010 CEP and 2009 SDP and the Workshop will be held at the Manteo Resort, 3762 Lakeshore Road, Kelowna, British Columbia.
3. FortisBC will publish, as soon as possible, in display-ad format, a Notice of Application and Workshop in the form attached as Appendix B, in sufficient newspapers in the FortisBC service area to adequately inform the public of the Application.
4. Persons wishing to attend the Workshop should register with the Commission, in writing or by electronic submission, by Friday, July 25, 2008.
5. Intervenor and Interested Parties wishing to participate in the Written Hearing Process should register with the Commission, in writing or by electronic submission, by Wednesday, August 13, 2008.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of July 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.A. Rhodes,
Commissioner

Attachments

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2008)
Commission Information Request No. 1	Tuesday, July 15
FortisBC Workshop Registration with the Commission	Friday, July 25
FortisBC Responses to Commission Information Request No. 1	Thursday, August 7
FortisBC Workshop with Stakeholders at the Manteo Resort in Kelowna, B.C.	Tuesday, August 12
Registration of Intervenor and Interested Parties with the Commission	Wednesday, August 13
Intervenor Participant Assistance Budgets	Friday, August 15
Commission Information Request No. 2 and Intervenor Information Request No. 1	Thursday, August 28
FortisBC Responses to Commission Information Request No. 2 and Intervenor Information Request No. 1	Thursday, September 11
FortisBC Final Submission	Tuesday, September 16
Intervenor Final Submission	Monday, September 22
FortisBC Reply Submission	Monday, September 29

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APPENDIX B
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND
WORKSHOP**

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DATE:	Tuesday, August 12, 2008
TIME:	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Manteo Resort 3762 Lakeshore Road Kelowna, B.C.

THE APPLICATION

On June 27, 2008 FortisBC filed its 2009-2010 Capital Expenditure Plan ("2009-2010 CEP") and 2009 System Development Plan Update ("2009 SDP"), and applied for Commission approval of the 2009-2010 CEP.

FortisBC states that the most significant areas of expenditure are those required to expand and upgrade the bulk transmission and distribution system to keep pace with load growth, and to continue the ongoing program of life extension at the Company's generating plants. The 2009-2010 CEP will also address the substation and transmission line siting issues for new and upgraded facilities.

The 2009-2010 CEP describes capital expenditures of \$178.8 million in 2009 and \$181.1 million in 2010. Expenditures in the 2009-2010 timeframe increase from \$150.3 million as originally scheduled to \$251.1 million in the 2009 SDP.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

The Commission has established a Regulatory Timetable for a Workshop to be held at the Manteo Resort in Kelowna, B.C., Tuesday, August 12, 2008 and a Written Public Hearing process to review the 2009-2010 CEP and 2009 SDP.

WORKSHOP

Persons wishing to attend the FortisBC Workshop should notify the Commission, in writing or by electronic submission, no later than Friday, July 25, 2008.

INTERVENTIONS

Persons who expect to actively participate in the FortisBC proceeding should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing or by electronic submission, no later than Wednesday, August 13, 2008. Intervenor are requested to identify their interest in the Application. Intervenor will each receive a copy of the Application and all correspondence and filed documentation in accordance with the Commission's Document Filing Protocols.

Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the proceeding, should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by the same date. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Applicant's Executive Summary and the Commission's Decision when 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 at www.bcuc.com. The Commission Panel in a proceeding may award costs for participation, pursuant to the Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines, under Section 118 of the Utilities Commission Act. The Guidelines are available at www.bcuc.com/Guidelines.aspx. Participants intending to apply for participant assistance must file a budget by Friday, August 15, 2008.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS

The 2009-2010 CEP and 2009 SDP and supporting materials will be available for inspection at the following locations:

FortisBC Inc.
Head Office
1975 Springfield Road, Suite 100
Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 7V7

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3
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FortisBC Inc.
Trail Office
1290 Esplanade
Trail, B.C. V1R 4L4

Internet
www.fortisbc.com
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Public Libraries
Castlegar, Creston, Grand Forks, Kelowna, Oliver,
Osoyoos, Penticton and Trail, B.C.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Ms. Erica Hamilton, Commission Secretary as follows:

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