

**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** G-33-09

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

**and**

**An Assessment Report by the British Columbia Transmission Corporation  
and the Determination of Reliability Standards for Adoption in British Columbia**

**BEFORE:** D. Cote, Commissioner April 1, 2009

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Pursuant to Section 125.2(2) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the “Act”) the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) has exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a “reliability standard”, as defined in the Act, is in the public interest and should be adopted in British Columbia; and
- B. In order to facilitate the Commission's consideration of reliability standards, the British Columbia Transmission Corporation (“BCTC”) is required under Section 125.2(3) of the Act to review each reliability standard and provide the Commission with a report assessing:
  - (a) any adverse impact of the reliability standard on the reliability of electricity transmission in British Columbia if the reliability standard were adopted;
  - (b) the suitability of the reliability standard for British Columbia;
  - (c) the potential cost of the reliability standard if it were adopted; and
  - (d) any other matter prescribed by regulation or identified by order of the Commission; and
- C. On March 27, 2009, BCTC filed a report (the “Assessment Report”) pursuant to Section 125.2(3) of the Act assessing 103 reliability standards developed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (“WECC”); and

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- D. Pursuant to Section 125.2(5)(a) of the Act, the Commission will post the Assessment Report on its website at [www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com) and invites public comments on the Assessment Report; and
- E. The Commission wishes to establish a Regulatory Timetable for public comment and review of the reliability standards assessed in the Assessment Report.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

1. In accordance with the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order, any person wishing to comment on the reliability standards assessed in the Assessment Report must deliver written comments to the Commission by no later than Monday, May 4, 2009, with a copy to BCTC at the following address:  
  
Suite 1100, Four Bentall Centre  
1055 Dunsmuir Street, PO Box 49260, Vancouver, BC V7X 1V5  
Attention: Janet Fraser, Director Regulatory Affairs
2. BCTC will file with the Commission any comments in response to the public comments received by no later than Thursday, May 21, 2009.
3. The Commission may, if it considers necessary, deliver information requests to BCTC and/or person(s) who have submitted comments. Any such information requests will be delivered by Tuesday, June 2, 2009, and recipients of the information requests must reply by Thursday, June 18, 2009.
4. BCTC will publish the Notice of Assessment Report and Process for Public Comments that is attached as Appendix B to this Order, in the Vancouver Sun, the Victoria Times Colonist, the Province, and such other local papers as will provide sufficient coverage of its service area, as soon as it is practical to do so.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2009.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D. Cote  
Commissioner

Attachment

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**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

| <b>ACTION</b>                                     | <b>DATE (2009)</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Written Comments of Public to Commission and BCTC | Monday, May 4      |
| BCTC Reply Comments                               | Thursday, May 21   |
| Commission Information Requests, if necessary     | Tuesday, June 2    |
| Responses to Information Requests                 | Thursday, June 18  |

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**NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT REPORT  
AND PROCESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**ASSESSMENT AND ADOPTION OF RELIABILITY STANDARDS**

Pursuant to the *Utilities Commission Act* (the "Act") the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") has exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a "reliability standard" is in the public interest and should be adopted in British Columbia. The term "reliability standard" is defined in the Act as "a reliability standard, rule or code established by a standard making body for the purpose of being a mandatory reliability standard for planning and operating the North American bulk power system, and includes any substantial change to any of those standards, rules or codes".

In order to facilitate the Commission's consideration of reliability standards, the British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") is required under the Act to review each reliability standard and provide the Commission with a report assessing:

- (a) any adverse impact of the reliability standard on the reliability of electricity transmission in British Columbia if the reliability standard were adopted;
- (b) the suitability of the reliability standard for British Columbia;
- (c) the potential cost of the reliability standard if it were adopted; and
- (d) any other matter prescribed by regulation or identified by order of the Commission.

On March 27, 2009, BCTC filed its Assessment Report on 103 reliability standards developed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council ("WECC").

The Commission has posted BCTC's Assessment Report on its website at [www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com), and invites public comments on the reliability standards assessed in the Assessment Report.

After considering the Assessment Report and the submissions that it receives, the Commission will make a determination on each of the 103 standards, to either adopt the standard or refer it to a hearing that will consider whether the standard is in the public interest.

## **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

Commission Order G-33-09 establishes a Regulatory Timetable and process for comments. Any person wishing to comment on BCTC's Assessment Report and the reliability standards that are assessed in it must deliver written comments to the Commission by no later than Monday, May 4, 2009, with a copy to BCTC at the following address:

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Attention: Janet Fraser, Director Regulatory Affairs.

All written comments on the Assessment Report will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's website.

## **PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE ASSESSMENT REPORT**

The Assessment Report is available for inspection at the following locations:

### **BC Transmission Corporation**

Suite 1100, Four Bentall Centre  
1055 Dunsmuir Street  
Vancouver BC V7X 1V5  
Telephone: (604) 699-7328

### **BC Utilities Commission**

Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street  
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[www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com)

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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

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