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SECTION 5

TRANSMISSION INQUIRY

EXHIBIT A-27

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Dear Ms. Fraser and Ms. Sofield:

Re: British Columbia Utilities Commission
Project No. 3698545/Order G-30-09
Inquiry into British Columbia's Long-Term Transmission Infrastructure

Requests dated October 1, 2009 for an Extension to Filing Deadline

By Order G-47-09 dated May 4, 2009 (Exhibit A-7), the Inquiry Panel released a Preliminary Inquiry Schedule stating that British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro"), the British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") and FortisBC Inc. ("Fortis") would file their base data, initial scenarios and the transmission implications of those scenarios by September 18, 2009.

On September 17, 2009, the Commission received letters from both BC Hydro and BCTC requesting an extension for the filing of their initial evidence until September 25, 2009 (Exhibits B1-8 and B2-11). The Inquiry Panel granted the requests by Letter L-80-09 dated September 21, 2009 (Exhibit A-23). On September 24, 2009, the Commission again received letters from both BC Hydro and BCTC requesting an extension for the filing of their initial evidence until October 2, 2009 (Exhibits B1-9 and B2-12). The Commission also received two letters of comments on the September 24 requests, neither of which opposed the requested delay. The Inquiry Panel again granted the requests by Letter L-84-09 dated September 28, 2009 (Exhibit A-25).

In the letter granting the second request, the Inquiry Panel expressed its concern about the impact of the delays in filing the initial evidence on the Inquiry timeline and on the ability of Participants to prepare for the upcoming regional sessions. By letters dated October 1, 2009, BCTC and BC Hydro request a third delay in filing their initial evidence, until early in the week of October 5. While the Inquiry Panel grants the third delay, this most recent request for an extension serves to further enhance the concerns raised in Exhibit A-25. The Inquiry Panel strongly urges the utilities to file as early as possible next week.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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cc: Registered Participants
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