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SECTION 5

TRANSMISSION INQUIRY

EXHIBIT A-23

Ms. Janet Fraser Director, Regulatory Affairs British Columbia Transmission Corporation Suite 1100, Four Bentall Centre 1055 Dunsmuir Street PO Box 49260 Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1V5

Dear Ms. Fraser and Ms. Sofield:

Ms. Joanna Sofield Chief Regulatory Officer British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority 17th Floor - 333 Dunsmuir Street Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5R3

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

Requests dated September 17, 2009 for an Extension to Filing Deadline

By Order G-47-09 dated May 4, 2009 (Exhibit A-7), the Commission 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).

On September 18, 2009, Fortis submitted a letter (Exhibit B3-5) filing its 2009 Resource Plan and its 30-Year Load Forecast and Generating Resource Data as evidence in the Transmission Inquiry and stating that the data had been provided to BCTC as an input into the BCTC scenario analyses.

The Commission received one letter of comment, from Energy Solutions for Vancouver Island *et al.* that supports BCTC's request for an extension (Exhibit C58-5).

The Commission grants the requests of BC Hydro and BCTC to extend the deadline for filing their preliminary evidence until September 25, 2009.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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cc: Registered Participants (*Transmsn-Inquiry-RI*)