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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-71-10

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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 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Columbia Valley Transmission Project**

BEFORE: M.R. Harle, Panel Chair/Commissioner
L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner April 15, 2010
R.K. Ravelli, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 22, 2010, the British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC) applied (the Application), pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the Act), to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct and operate the Columbia Valley Transmission Project (the CVT Project) as described in its Application; and
- B. BCTC is proposing the CVT Project as the preferred solution to serve load growth in Upper Columbia Valley area over a 30 year period; and
- C. The CVT Project has an estimated capital cost of approximately \$154 million to construct: a 112 kilometer (km) long 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Invermere and Golden, British Columbia; a new 230/69 kV substation near Golden including a new 3 km long 69 kV transmission line connection to the existing Golden substation; and related upgrades at existing substations in Cranbrook, Invermere and Golden. The new facilities are scheduled to go into service in October 2012; and
- D. Pursuant to Order G-18-10 dated February 8, 2010, the Commission held a Procedural Conference in Vancouver, BC on March 17, 2010 to seek input on the regulatory process for the review of the Application; and
- E. By letter dated March 19, 2010, BCTC stated that it wishes to obtain the CPCN by the August 1, 2010, in order to complete the project by the desired date of October 2012; and
- F. Commission Order G-54-10 established a written public hearing and Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application; and
- G. The Regulatory Timetable included a Workshop and Community Input Session in Invermere, BC, which were subsequently cancelled by Commission Letter L-35-10 dated April 13, 2010; and

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- H. By letter dated April 13, 2010, the Ktunaxa Nation Council requested a change to the Regulatory Timetable to provide First Nations with an opportunity to review BCTC's evidence on the adequacy of consultation before filing their own evidence; and
- I. By letter dated April 14, 2010, BCTC proposed a revised Regulatory Timetable to accommodate the request of the Ktunaxa Nation Council; and
- J. BCTC has also advised the Commission that it is investigating alternative line routings to avoid crossing Toby Creek; and
- K. The Commission has determined that changes to the Regulatory Timetable are required.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders that the Regulatory Timetable for review of the Application is amended as set out in the Revised Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of April 2010.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara
Commissioner

Attachment

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REVISED REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2010)
BCTC Update on Routing Alternatives	Tuesday, April 20
Information Requests to BCTC on Routing Update	Wednesday, April 28
BCTC Response to Commission Information Request No. 2 and Intervener Information Requests No. 1	Friday, April 30
BCTC Evidence on Adequacy of Consultation	Friday, May 7
BCTC Response to Information Requests on Routing Update	Friday, May 7
Information Requests to BCTC on Adequacy of Consultation Evidence	Friday, May 14
Intervener Written Evidence, including Evidence on First Nations Issues	Thursday, May 20
BCTC Responses to Information Requests on Consultation Evidence	Friday, May 21
Commission, BCTC and Intervener Information Requests on Intervener Evidence	Wednesday, May 26
Interveners response to Information Requests	Wednesday, June 2
BCTC Written Final Submission	Tuesday, June 8
Intervener Written Final Submissions	Tuesday, June 15
BCTC Written Reply Submission	Tuesday, June 22