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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-167-11

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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 2012 – 2013 Revenue Requirements and
Review of 2012 Integrated System Plan

BEFORE:

D.A. Cote, Commissioner
A.A. Rhodes, Commissioner
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner

October 3, 2011

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 30, 2011, FortisBC Inc. (FortisBC or the Company) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for approval of its 2012 – 2013 Revenue Requirements and the review of its 2012 Integrated System Plan (collectively referred to as the Application);
- B. In accordance with Order G-111-11, two rounds of Commission and Intervener Information Requests (IR) were issued to FortisBC on August 10 and on September 30, 2011. FortisBC responded to IR No.1 on September 9 and will respond to IR No. 2 on October 21, 2011;
- C. FortisBC proposed that the Application proceed through a negotiated settlement process, or alternatively, by way of a written hearing process;
- D. According to the terms of the Company's Performance-Based Regulation Plan for 2011, an Annual Review is required to assess the Company's forecast 2011 financial results and non-financial performance;
- E. The Commission considers establishing a date for a Procedural Conference and setting a formal process to review intervenor evidence is necessary and in the public interest. Other procedural items are also established in Appendix A to this Order.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A Revised Preliminary Regulatory Timetable for this Application is set out in Appendix A to this Order. If a negotiated settlement process is established, it may proceed as early as December 7, 2011. If this Application proceeds by way of a written or oral hearing, these dates will be set subject to a further Order establishing the review process.

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2. Interveners intending to apply for participant assistance must submit a budget estimate by Thursday, December 1, 2011 consistent with the Commission's Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines and Order G-72-07. Copies are available upon request, or can be downloaded from the Commission's website at <http://www.bcuc.com>.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of October 2011.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.A.Cote
Commissioner

Attachment

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REVISED PRELIMINARY REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2011)
Commission and Intervener IRs to FortisBC on Exhibit B-7	Friday, October 7
FortisBC Responses to Commission and Intervener IRs No. 2 (including supplemental IRs on Exhibit B-7)	Friday, October 21
Intervener Evidence	Monday, October 31
Information Requests on Intervener Evidence	Thursday, November 10
2011 Annual Review	Tuesday, November 22 commencing at 9 a.m.
Procedural Conference	Tuesday, November 22 commencing at 1:30 p.m.
Intervener Responses to Information Requests on Intervener Evidence	Thursday, November 24
Load Forecast Technical Committee Report filed	Friday, November 25
Participant Assistance Budget Submission	Thursday, December 1
Rebuttal Argument on Intervener Evidence (if necessary)	Wednesday, November 30