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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER C-4-04**

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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 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
to Rebuild the Unit No. 6 Headgate
at the Upper Bonnington Hydroelectric Generating Plant**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) June 24, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 5, 2003, the Commission issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") No. C-17-03 to Aquila Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd., now known as FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC"), for a Life Extension and Upgrade to Unit No. 6 at the Upper Bonnington Hydroelectric Generating Plant ("the Plant") located on the Kootenay River; and
- B. On June 8, 2004, FortisBC applied to the Commission for a CPCN to rebuild Headgate No. 6 at the Plant, pursuant to Sections 45 and 46 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- C. The Project is estimated to cost \$607,000 and is necessary for the continued safe operation of Unit No. 6 as the present Headgate has exceeded its original life expectancy; and
- D. The Commission has determined that the expenditure for the Unit No. 6 Headgate rebuild is necessary and in the public interest.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission, pursuant to Section 45 of the Act, issues a CPCN to FortisBC to rebuild the Unit No. 6 Headgate at the Upper Bonnington Hydroelectric Generating Plant for an estimated cost of \$607,000.
2. FortisBC is to file a final report and cost summary with the Commission following completion of the Project.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of June 2004.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert H. Hobbs
Chair