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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** G-81-04

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**IN THE MATTER OF  
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473**

**and**

**British Columbia Transmission Corporation  
Application for an Open Access Transmission Tariff**

**and**

**British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
Interconnected Operations Services to British Columbia Transmission Corporation**

**BEFORE:** R.H. Hobbs, Chair  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner August 20, 2004  
R.J. Milbourne, Commissioner

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") filed on August 3, 2004, an application for an Open Access Transmission Tariff ("the Application") pursuant to Sections 58, 59 and 60 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- B. Section 4(1) of the Transmission Corporation Act (SBC 2003, c. 44) requires BCTC to seek an order from the Commission approving its first schedule of rates on or before December 31, 2004; and
- C. BCTC's Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") means the rates, terms, and conditions (including tariff supplements) of the non-discriminatory, open access transmission service offered by BCTC on and after the commencement date of the tariff; and
- D. The OATT will replace the Wholesale Transmission Service Tariff of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") as the tariff applicable for the provision of open-access transmission service on the BC Hydro transmission system; and
- E. BC Hydro filed, on August 4, 2004, an application to establish rates, terms and conditions for Interconnected Operations Services ("IOS") to be offered to BCTC once it becomes responsible for offering and providing transmission services through the OATT; and
- F. The Commission requires that the BC Hydro IOS Application be heard at the same time as BCTC's OATT Application and that there will be one record for both Applications; and

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G. The Commission requires that a public hearing and a regulatory timetable to deal with the Applications be established.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

1. The BC Hydro IOS Application will be heard at the same time as the BCTC OATT Application and that there will be one record for both Applications.
2. A public hearing into the Applications will commence on Tuesday, January 4, 2005.
3. A Regulatory Timetable for the Applications is attached as Appendix A to this Order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2004.

**BY ORDER**

*Original signed by:*

Robert H. Hobbs  
Chair

Attachment

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TRANSMISSION CORPORATION**

**Project No. 3698350**  
**Open Access Transmission Tariff Application**  
**and**  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA HYDRO AND POWER AUTHORITY**  
**Interconnected Operations Services to British Columbia Transmission Corporation**

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE (2004)</b>
Information Requests No. 1 - BCUC to BCTC	Monday, August 23
BCTC and BC Hydro Responses	Friday, September 10
Workshop	Tuesday, September 14
Information Requests No. 2 - BCUC and Intervenors to BCTC and BC Hydro	Friday, September 17
BCTC and BC Hydro Responses	Friday, October 8
Information Requests No. 3 - BCUC and Intervenors to BCTC and BC Hydro	Friday, October 15
BCTC and BC Hydro Responses and Direct Evidence	Tuesday, November 2
Pre-hearing Conference No. 2	Wednesday, November 10
Intervenor Evidence	Friday, November 19
Information Requests No. 4 - Participants and BCUC to Intervenors	Friday, November 26
Intervenor Responses	Friday, December 10
Commission Staff: Draft Hearing Issues List	Tuesday, December 14
Participants: Opening Comments, Identification of Issues	Friday, December 17
BCTC and BC Hydro - Consolidation of Issues	Monday, December 20
Commission Panel Publishes Hearing Issues List	Thursday, December 23
Oral Public Hearing commences	Tuesday, January 4, 2005