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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-114-05

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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 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Nk'Mip (East Osoyoos) Transmission and Substation Project**

BEFORE:

L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner

November 3, 2005

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 12, 2005 FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") applied to the Commission for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the Nk'Mip Transmission and Substation Project ("the Project"); and
- B. FortisBC held a public information meeting on the Project in Osoyoos, BC on October 20, 2005, which was well attended by the public; and
- C. During that meeting the public raised substantive concerns regarding the Project; and
- D. The Commission has concluded that the Project should be reviewed in an oral public hearing process.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission directs that the application for the Project be reviewed by an oral public hearing process according to the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order.

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2. FortisBC is to publish the Notice of Public Hearing, attached as Appendix B to this Order, in local papers by Friday, November 18, 2005.
3. FortisBC is to advise the Commission what other measures are needed to provide the public with adequate notice for the public hearing into the Project.
4. The Commission determines that no Participant Funding will be available for this proceeding.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of November 2005.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner

Attachments

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE
Registration of Intervenor and Interested Parties with the Commission	Wednesday, November 30, 2005
Commission Information Request No. 1 to FortisBC	Friday, December 2, 2005
FortisBC Responses to Commission Information Request No. 1	Friday, December 16, 2005
Intervenor Information Requests and Commission Information Request No. 2	Friday, December 23, 2005
FortisBC Response to Intervenor Information Requests and Commission Information Request No. 2	Friday, January 6, 2006
Oral Public Hearing	Saturday, January 21, 2006
FortisBC Argument	Friday, January 27, 2006
Intervenor Argument filed with the Commission and FortisBC	Friday, February 3, 2006
Final Argument from FortisBC	Friday, February 10, 2006

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FortisBC Inc.
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NOTICE OF ORAL PUBLIC HEARING

Date:	Saturday, January 21, 2006
Time:	8:30 a.m.
Location:	Osoyoos Seniors' Centre 17 Park Place Osoyoos, B.C. V0H 1V0 Telephone: (250) 495-6175

THE FORTISBC APPLICATION

On October 12, 2005, FortisBC applied to the Commission for approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to construct and operate the proposed Nk'Mip (East Osoyoos) Transmission and Substation project that is projected to cost \$8.97 million. The project consists of a distribution source substation in East Osoyoos, a 63 kV transmission line from the West Osoyoos Substation to the Nk'Mip Substation and a distribution feeder. The project will also provide for a future 138 kV tie to the future Bentley Substation. The project is required as a result of customer growth in the Osoyoos area.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

The Commission Panel has determined that the FortisBC CPCN Application will be reviewed by way of an Oral Public Hearing to be held in Osoyoos, B.C.

The oral public hearing will convene in Osoyoos, B.C. on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. at the Osoyoos Seniors' Centre.

The Commission has determined that no Participant Funding will be available for this proceeding.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS

The FortisBC CPCN Application and supporting material will be made available for inspection at the Utility's Head Office in Trail, B.C., in its Kelowna, B.C. Service Centre at the Landmark IV, 5th Floor, 1628 Dickson Avenue, Kelowna, BC, it's Trail Office at 1290 Esplanade, Trail, BC, the Public Library in Osoyoos, B.C. and the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2N3.

The FortisBC CPCN Application is available for viewing on the FortisBC website at www.fortisbc.com. The application, including all documents will be posted on the Commission's website at www.bcuc.com.

INTERVENTIONS

Persons who expect to actively participate in the FortisBC proceeding should register as Intervenors with the Commission, in writing, by Wednesday, November 30, 2005 identifying their interest in the CPCN Application. Intervenors will receive copies of the CPCN Application and all correspondence and filed documentation and should provide an e-mail address if available.

Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the proceeding and who have not already registered, should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by identifying their interest in the CPCN Application. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Executive Summary, the Application section of the CPCN Application and all Orders issued.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, as follows:

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