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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-8-05**

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

and

**Application by British Columbia Transmission Corporation
for Approval to Amend F2006 Rates**

BEFORE: Lori Ann Boychuk, Commissioner January 12, 2005

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 23, 2004, British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") filed for approval of its F2006 Revenue Requirements Application ("the Application") and rates effective April 1, 2005 pursuant to sections 58 and 60 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"). For F2006, BCTC applies for interim rates based on the forecast Deemed Equity Component as of April 1, 2005. After April 1, 2005 and determination of the actual Deemed Equity Component, BCTC intends to request for permanent rates for F2006 based on the actual April 1, 2005 Deemed Equity Component; and
- B. BCTC also seeks approval of its depreciation accounts and rates of depreciation, pursuant to section 56 of the Act; and
- C. The Commission, in its desire to deal efficiently with the Application, requires that a Pre-hearing Conference be established.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A Pre-hearing Conference will be held before the Commission Panel on Monday, February 14, 2005, commencing at 1:30 p.m. in the Hearing Room, Third Floor, 855 Homer Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 5S2 to address procedural matters which will include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - identification of principal issues arising from or related to the Application,
 - process options for review of the Application, including,
 - oral public hearing
 - negotiated settlement process
 - written hearing
 - or, as appropriate, some combination of the above

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- timetable (information requests, responses, intervenor evidence, etc.),
- location(s) of the proceeding, and
- other matters that will assist the Commission to efficiently review all aspects of the Application.

After the Pre-hearing Conference, the Commission will issue a further procedural order and regulatory agenda for the review of the Application.

2. BCTC will arrange for early publication, but not later than January 23, 2005, in display ad format, the Notice of Pre-hearing Conference, attached as Appendix A to this Order, in the Vancouver Sun, The Province, the Victoria Times Colonist, and in such other appropriate local news publications so as to provide adequate notice to the customers in the service area of the utility.
3. The Application and supporting material will be made available for inspection at the Head Office of B.C. Transmission Corporation at Suite 1100 Four Bentall Centre, 1055 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C., and at the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.
4. Intervenors and Interested Parties should inform the Commission, in writing or register on-line via the Commission's website at <http://www.bcuc.com>, by February 4, 2005, of their intention to intervene and/or to attend the Pre-hearing Conference.
5. Intervenors intending to apply for participant assistance must submit a budget estimate by February 25, 2005 consistent with the Commission's Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines. Copies are available upon request or can be downloaded from the Commission's web site at <http://www.bcuc.com/bcuc/paca.html>.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of January 2005.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lori Ann Boychuk
Panel Chair and Commissioner

Attachments



BRITISH COLUMBIA TRANSMISSION CORPORATION
Application for Approval of F2006 Revenue Requirements

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

Pre-Hearing Conference

Date: Monday, February 14, 2005
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Hearing Room
Third Floor, 855 Homer Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5S2

THE APPLICATION

British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC", "the Company") has applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") for approval to adjust its rates effective April 1, 2005 to recover increased revenue requirements.

BCTC applies for a F2006 (April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006) BCTC Revenue Requirement of \$73.6 million and a F2006 Asset Management/Maintenance Revenue Requirement of \$94.5 million. The Commission has previously approved a F2006 BC Hydro Owner's Revenue Requirement of \$404.4 million, which is not the subject of the Application. These three revenue requirement components total \$572.5 million and comprise the Transmission Revenue Requirement ("TRR"). The F2006 TRR is approximately \$29.3 million higher than the F2005 TRR. Approximately three quarters of this difference is due to the approved increase in the BCH Owner's Revenue Requirement. The Application represents an increase in the TRR of approximately 7.3 million, or 1.3 percent, over the Commission-approved Revenue Requirement for F2005.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

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- other matters that will assist the Commission to efficiently review all aspects of the Application.

Following the Pre-hearing Conference, the Commission will issue a further procedural order and regulatory agenda for the review of the Application.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS

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INTERVENTIONS

Persons who expect to actively participate in any process established by the Commission to review BCTC's Application should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing or register on-line via the Commission's website at <http://www.bcuc.com> by Friday, February 4, 2005. Intervenor will receive copies of the Application, all correspondence and filed documentation.

Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the BCTC proceeding should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing or register on-line via the Commission's website at <http://www.bcuc.com> by Friday, February 4, 2005. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Application's Executive Summary and all Orders issued.

PARTICIPATION AT THE PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

Intervenor and Interested Parties should also inform the Commission, by February 4, 2005, of their intention to attend the Pre-Hearing Conference.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Philip Nakoneshny, Manager, Rates and Finance as follows:

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