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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-49-05

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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 an Amendment to the General Wheeling Agreement with
British Columbia Transmission Corporation**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner May 20, 2005

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-59-00, approved for FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") (formerly known as Aquila Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd. and West Kootenay Power Ltd.) and British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") a Letter Agreement between FortisBC and B.C. Hydro for Wholesale Transmission Service ("WTS") from FortisBC's South Slokan Generating Station to its Princeton, B.C. substation during off-peak hours during the period from May 20 to July 31, 2000. The Agreement provided for a renewal of the wheeling agreement terms between April 1 to July 31, 2001; and
- B. The Letter Agreement was subsequently extended in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 which were annually approved by the Commission by Order Nos. G-45-02, G-37-03, and G-48-04; and
- C. In 2005, British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") took over the B.C. Hydro electrical transmission system in the Province; and
- D. On April 20, 2005, BCTC agreed to FortisBC's April 17, 2005 request to extend the WTS Agreement for wheeling power to Princeton, B.C. for the Summer of 2005; and
- E. On April 27, 2005, FortisBC applied for Commission approval to extend the Letter Agreement from May 1, 2005 to July 31, 2005; and
- F. The Commission has reviewed FortisBC's April 27, 2005 Application and finds that it should be approved.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission approves for FortisBC and BCTC an extension to the May 16, 2000 WTS Agreement for the transmission of power from FortisBC's South Slokan Generating Station to its Princeton, B.C. substation during off-peak hours for the period May 1, 2005, to July 31, 2005.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20 day of May 2005.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L. F. Kelsey
Commissioner