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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-44-06

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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 Big White Supply Project**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner April 13, 2006

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 9, 2006, FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the Big White Supply Project; and
- B. The Commission in the 2005-2024 System Development Plan and 2005 Resource Plan Decision (Order No. G-52-05) designated this project as requiring a CPCN; and
- C. The application is to construct and extend a 34km, 138 kV transmission line from the Joe Rich Substation to a new substation to be built at the Big White Village at a cost of \$20.3 million. The project involves approximately 23 km of new transmission line; and
- D. FortisBC has received public interest in this project evidenced by the public participation at two open house sessions; and
- E. The Commission determines that an Oral Public Hearing is necessary to review this application.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission requires the application to be reviewed by an Oral Public Hearing process according to the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order.
- 2. FortisBC is to publish notification of the Regulatory Timetable, attached as Appendix B, in all local and community newspapers in the general service area by April 21, 2006 and shall be run on two occasions.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of April 2006.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner

Attachments

Orders/FortisBC_Kettle Valley Regulatory Timetable

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE
Registration of Intervenor and submission of participant funding budgets	May 5, 2006
Commission Information Request No. 1 to FortisBC	May 12, 2006
FortisBC Responses to Commission Information Request No. 1	May 26, 2006
Intervenor and Commission Information request No. 2 to FortisBC	June 9, 2006
FortisBC Responses to Intervenor and Commission Information request No. 2	June 23, 2006
Oral Public Hearing (location to be determined)	July 5, 2006
FortisBC final Arguments	July 14, 2006
Intervenor Arguments	July 21, 2006
FortisBC Rebuttal Argument	July 28, 2006



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FORTISBC INC.
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
to Construct and Operate the Big White Supply Project

NOTICE OF ORAL PUBLIC
HEARING PROCESS

THE APPLICATION

On March 9, FortisBC applied to the Commission for approval to construct and operate a 138 kV transmission Line from the Joe Rich Substation in Kelowna to a new Substation at the Big White Village at an estimated cost of \$20.3 million.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

The Commission has established that an Oral Public Hearing Process for the review of the Application is required.

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 Kelowna at the Landmark IV, 5th Floor, 1628 Dickson Avenue, Kelowna, B.C., its Trail Office at 1290 Esplanade, Trail, B.C., and at the Public Library in Grand Forks, B.C. and the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2N3.

REGISTERING TO PARTICIPATE

Unless they have already registered, persons who expect to actively participate in the FortisBC proceeding should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing, by Friday May 5 2006. Requests for Participant funding should also be submitted by May 5, 2006. 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 FortisBC proceeding should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by the same date. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Application's Executive Summary and all Orders issued.

Location and proceeding details of the Oral Public Hearing will be published by June 16, 2006.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary and Mr. Robert Rerie, Senior Electrical Engineer as follows:

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