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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-97-06

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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 2007-2008 Capital Expenditure Plan
and Review of 2007 System Development Plan Update**

BEFORE: L.A. Zaozirny, Commissioner August 9, 2006
L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 26, 2006, FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") filed its 2007-2008 Capital Expenditure Plan and 2007 System Development Plan Update, and applied (the "Application") to the Commission for approval of the 2007-2008 Capital Expenditure Plan; and
- B. FortisBC Inc. proposes that a written public hearing process be used to review the Application and requests that the Commission render a decision on the Application by early November 2006; and
- C. The Commission has determined that a Regulatory Timetable for a Workshop and a written public hearing process should be established to review the 2007-2008 Capital Expenditure Plan and 2007 System Development Plan Update.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission establishes a written public hearing process for the review of the 2007-2008 Capital Expenditure Plan and 2007 System Development Plan Update, in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order.

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2. A Workshop regarding the 2007-2008 Capital Expenditure Plan and 2007 System Development Plan Update will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2006 at the Grand Okanagan Resort in Kelowna, B.C., commencing at 1:00 p.m.
3. FortisBC will publish notification of the Workshop and Regulatory Timetable in the form attached as Appendix B to this Order, in local news publications as soon as possible.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10th day of August 2006.

BY ORDER

Original signed by

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner

Attachments

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2006)
Commission Information Request No. 1 to FortisBC	Monday, August 21
Registration of Intervenor and Interested Parties with the Commission	Friday, August 25
FortisBC Responses to Commission Information Request No. 1	Thursday, August 31
FortisBC Workshop with stakeholders in Kelowna, B.C.	Wednesday, September 6
Intervenor Information Request No. 1 and Commission Information Request No. 2 to FortisBC	Friday, September 15
FortisBC Responses to Intervenor Information Request No. 1 and Commission Information Request No. 2	Thursday, September 28
Intervenor Written Submissions filed with the Commission and FortisBC	Friday, October 6
FortisBC Written Reply to Intervenor Comments	Friday, October 13

**FORTISBC INC. (“FORTISBC”)
Approval of 2007-2008 Capital Expenditure Plan
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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Workshop Date/Time: Wednesday, September 6, 2006
Commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Workshop Location: Grand Okanagan Resort
1310 Water Street.
Kelowna, B.C.

The Application

On July 26, 2006 FortisBC filed its 2007-2008 Capital Expenditure Plan and 2007 System Development Plan Update, and applied for Commission approval of the 2007-2008 Capital Expenditure Plan. The Plan describes capital expenditures of \$128.6 million in 2007 and \$111.6 million in 2008. FortisBC states the most significant expenditures are to expand and upgrade the transmission and distribution systems to keep pace with load growth, and to continue the ongoing life extension program at its generating plants.

The Regulatory Process

The Commission has established the following Regulatory Timetable for a Workshop and a written public hearing process to review the 2007-2008 Capital Expenditure Plan and 2007 System Development Plan Update.

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Public Inspection of the Documents

The 2007-2008 Capital Expenditure Plan and 2007 System Development Plan Update and supporting materials will be available for inspection at the following locations:

FortisBC Inc.

Head Office
5th Floor 1628 Dickson Avenue
Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 9X1

British Columbia Utilities Commission

Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3
Telephone: 1-800-663-1385

FortisBC Inc.

Trail Office
1290 Esplanade
Trail, B.C. V1R 4L4

Internet

www.fortisbc.com
www.bcuc.com

Public Libraries

Castlegar, Creston, Grand Forks, Kelowna, Oliver,
Osoyoos, Penticton and Trail, B.C.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the general public relating to the Application will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's web site.

Interventions

Persons who expect to actively participate in the FortisBC proceeding should register as Intervenor with the Commission, and should identify the issues that they intend to pursue and the nature and extent of their anticipated involvement in the review process. Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the proceeding should register as Interested Parties. Intervenor and Interested parties are to register in writing, by Friday, August 25, 2006, identifying their interest in the matter and indicating whether they plan to attend the Workshop.

Intervenor will each receive a copy of the Application and all correspondence and filed documentation, and should provide an e-mail address if available. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Executive Summary in the Application, and all Orders and Decisions issued.

Further Information

For further information, please contact the Commission Secretary or Mr. Robert Rerie, Senior Electrical Engineer as follows:

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