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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** C-17-06

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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 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Big White Supply Project**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Panel Chair and Commissioner
R.J. Milbourne, Commissioner
K.A. Anderson, Commissioner
September 15, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 9, 2006 FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") applied (the "Application") to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN"), pursuant to Sections 45 and 46 of the Utilities Commission Act, for the Big White Supply Project ("the Project"); and
- B. The Commission Panel, by Order No. G-44-06, ordered that an Oral Public Hearing be held to review the Application and set down a regulatory timetable: and
- C. An Oral Public Hearing was held in Kelowna on July 4 and July 5, 2006.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. That all directions given in the attached Decision shall be followed by FortisBC Inc.
- 2. The Commission approves a CPCN for FortisBC for Option 1 upon meeting the condition set out in the attached Decision.

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3. Upon Commencement of construction, FortisBC is required to file monthly reports regarding the progress of the project and to advise the Commission of any variances or difficulties that the project may be encountering. If FortisBC decides to alter its schedule FortisBC is to inform the Commission and registered Intervenors to this Hearing.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of September 2006.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Panel Chair and Commissioner

Attachment

