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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-84-06

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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 Decrease F2007 Rates**

BEFORE: L.A. Boychuk, Panel Chair July 4, 2006

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. In a letter dated March 24, 2006, British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission to have its existing rates approved as interim effective April 1, 2006 and in the same letter informed the Commission that the Transmission Revenue Requirement Application requesting permanent rates will be filed in late April 2006; and
- B. By Order No. G-34-06 dated March 30, 2006, the Commission approved BCTC's current rates as interim effective April 1, 2006; and
- C. On May 26, 2006, BCTC filed for approval of its F2007 Revenue Requirement Application ("the Application") pursuant to Sections 58 and 89 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"). The Application seeks approval of permanent rates effective April 1, 2006 and to further amend on an interim basis the current interim rates effective July 1, 2006 to reflect a F2007 Transmission Revenue Requirement decrease of 7.4 percent or \$42.2 million from the F2006 Transmission Revenue Requirement; and
- D. The Application proposes that on conclusion of a proceeding to review this Application, BCTC will implement permanent rates and make adjustments to prior billing; and
- E. BCTC's Application also seeks approval of: (i) depreciation rates pursuant to Section 56 of the Act; (ii) the clearing of deferral account balances under Section 6 of Special Direction No. 9; and (iii) Substation Distribution Asset Management and Maintenance costs and Distribution Operations Services costs for F2007; and
- F. By Order No. G-61-06, the Commission approved an interim refundable rate decrease of 7.4 percent effective July 1, 2006, issued a regulatory timetable and scheduled a Procedural Conference for June 23, 2006; and
- G. At the Procedural Conference, the BCTC confirmed their request for a written hearing process to review the Application with an option for a Negotiated Settlement Process ("NSP"); and

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- H. The Intervenor provided comments on the draft issues list and proposed regulatory agenda, agreed with BCTC's suggestion that a Second Procedural Conference be held, and, subject to the adequacy of BCTC information request responses, indicated that they will at that time determine whether to file Intervenor Evidence and/or continue to support either a written process or an NSP to review this Application; and
- I. At the Procedural Conference and by letter dated June 26, 2006, BCTC requested an amended Order to approve interim refundable rates effective July 1, 2006, as shown in Table 11-8 of the Application which are consistent with a 7.4 percent reduction in the Transmission Revenue Requirement and, by Order No. G-74-06, the Commission approved the interim refundable rates as requested; and
- J. The Commission has determined that a Regulatory Timetable and a second Procedural Conference is required.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A second Procedural Conference will be held before the Commission Panel on Wednesday, August 9, 2006, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Hearing Room, 12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C., to address matters which will include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - Adequacy of information request responses
 - Filing of Intervenor Evidence
 - Process options for review of the Application, including,
 - written hearing or NSP
 - Adjustments to the Regulatory Timetable (information responses, intervenor evidence, NSP etc.), and
 - Other matters that will assist the Commission to efficiently review all aspects of the Application.
2. A Regulatory Timetable is set out in Appendix A to this Order.
3. Intervenor and Interested Parties should inform the Commission, in writing or by e-mail by July 28, 2006, of their intention to attend the Second Procedural Conference.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of July 2006.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lori Ann Boychuk
Panel Chair and Commissioner

Attachments

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

ACTION	DATES 2006
BCUC Information Request No.1 Issued	Monday, June 19
BCUC Supplemental IR No. 1 Issued	Thursday, June 29
BCTC Response to BCUC IR No. 1	Tuesday, July 4
Budget Estimates for Participant Assistance submitted	Tuesday, July 4
BCTC Responses to BCUC Supplemental IR No. 1	Wednesday, July 12
BCTC Filing of Section 14 - Commission Directives and Appendix A -Directive Concordance Table	Wednesday, July 12
BCUC IR No. 2 Issued	Monday, July 17
Intervenor IR No. 1 Issued	Friday, July 21
BCTC Responses to BCUC IR No. 2 and Intervenor IR No. 1	Friday, August 4
Second Procedural Conference	Wednesday, August 9
Proposed: If Written Hearing Process	Proposed Dates
BCTC Written Submissions	Friday, August 25
Intervenors Written Submissions	Friday, September 1
BCTC Written Reply	Friday, September 8
Proposed: If Negotiated Settlement Process	Proposed Dates
<u>No Intervenor Evidence Filed:</u>	
Negotiated Settlement Process	Wednesday, Aug 23 to Friday, Aug 25

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Intervenor Evidence Filed:

Intervenor Evidence Filed	Friday, August 25
Information Requests on Intervenor Evidence issued	Friday, September 1
Intervenor Information Responses	Friday, September 8
BCTC Rebuttal Evidence	Friday, September 15
Negotiated Settlement Process	Monday, Sept 25 to Wednesday, Sept 27