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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-5-07

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**IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473**

and

**An Application by
British Columbia Transmission Corporation
for Approval of a Transmission System Capital Plan F2008 to F2017**

BEFORE: R.H. Hobbs, Chair
L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner January 18, 2007

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Following a written hearing, by a Decision and Order No. G-91-05 dated September 23, 2005, the Commission issued its decision on the British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") Transmission System Capital Plan F2006 to F2015; and
- B. Following a written hearing, by a Decision and Order No. G-67-06 dated June 14, 2006, the Commission rendered its decision on the BCTC Transmission System Capital Plan F2006 to F2015 Update; and
- C. On December 21, 2006, pursuant to Sections 45(6), 45(6.1) and 45(6.2) of the Utilities Commission Act (the "Act"), BCTC filed its Transmission System Capital Plan F2008 to F2017 (the "F2008 Capital Plan" or the "Plan"); and
- D. In the filing, BCTC applied for an Order stating that the F2008 Capital Plan meets the requirements of Sections 45(6) and 45(6.1) of the Act, that approves the Plan pursuant to subsection 45(6.2)(a) of the Act and that finds under subsection 45(6.2)(b) of the Act that capital expenditures relating to certain projects and programs for F2008 and F2009 in the Plan are in the public interest (the "Application"); and

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- E. BCTC recommends a written process for the regulatory review of the F2008 Capital Plan and the Application, on the basis that a written process provides an effective forum and best reflects the ongoing nature of the Plan and the type of expenditures that BCTC is seeking approval for; and
- F. The Commission has considered the matter, and has determined that a written public hearing is required for the regulatory review of F2008 Capital Plan and Application.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A written hearing process is established for the review of the F2008 to F2017 Transmission System Capital Plan Application, according to the Regulatory Timetable that is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
2. BCTC will publish the Notice of Written Public Hearing that is attached as Appendix B, in the Vancouver Sun and Province, the Victoria Times Colonist and such local papers as provide sufficient coverage of its service area, as soon as it is possible to do so.
3. BCTC will provide a copy of this Order to all Intervenor who registered for the Transmission System Capital Plan F2006 to F2015 Update proceeding and the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority 2006 Integrated Electricity Plan and Long-Term Acquisition Plan proceeding.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19th day of January 2007.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert H. Hobbs
Chair

Attachments

British Columbia Transmission Corporation (“BCTC”)
Application for Approval of
Transmission System Capital Plan F2008 to F2017

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2007)
Intervenor Registration	Wednesday, February 14
Commission Information Requests to BCTC	Monday, February 19
Intervenor Information Requests to BCTC	Friday, February 23
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Budgets	Friday, March 2
BCTC Responses to Information Requests	Monday, March 12
BCTC Final Submission	Wednesday, March 21
Intervenor Final Submissions	Friday, March 30
BCTC Reply Submission	Wednesday, April 11



**BRITISH COLUMBIA TRANSMISSION CORPORATION
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN F2008 to F2017**

NOTICE OF WRITTEN PUBLIC HEARING

THE APPLICATION

On December 21, 2006, the British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") filed its Transmission System Capital Plan F2008 to F2017, and applied for an Order stating that the Plan meets the requirements of the Utilities Commission Act, that approves the Plan, and that finds capital expenditures relating to certain projects and programs for F2008 and F2009 in the Plan are in the public interest. In the Plan, BCTC seeks approval of Growth Portfolio expenditures of \$88 million for projects starting in F2008 (the financial year ending March 31, 2008). BCTC also seeks approval of Sustaining Portfolio expenditures of \$88 million in F2008 and \$95 million in F2009, and for a further \$10 million of expenditures relating to BCTC information systems and control centres.

The F2008 Capital Plan includes the 2006 State of the Transmission System Report and the South Interior Bulk System Development Plan Report, and responds to several Directives that the Commission made in response to earlier Capital Plan filings.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Commission Order No. G-5-07 established the Regulatory Timetable for the review of the F2008 Capital Plan and the Application by way of a Written Public Hearing.

The detailed Regulatory Timetable can be reviewed on the Commission's website <http://www.bcuc.com> >Proceedings&Agendas>Current Applications.

INTERVENTIONS

Persons who expect to actively participate in the BCTC proceeding should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing, by Wednesday, February 14, 2007, identifying their interest in the matter. Intervenor will receive copies of the F2008 Capital Plan as well as all correspondence and filed documentation and should provide an e-mail address if available.

Persons not expecting to actively participate in the BCTC proceeding, but who have an interest in the matter, should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by Wednesday, February 14, 2007, identifying their interest in the matter. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Application section of the F2008 Capital Plan, and all Orders issued.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the general public relating to the F2008 Capital Plan and Application will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's web site.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS

The Application and supporting materials will be available for inspection at the following locations:

British Columbia Transmission Corporation

Head Office
Suite 1100, Four Bentall Centre
1055 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1V5
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FURTHER INFORMATION

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