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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER G-1-07**

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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 Ellison Substation Project**

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Panel Chair & Commissioner January 15, 2007  
L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On October 27, 2006 FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") applied (the "Application") to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("Commission") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the Ellison Substation Project ("the Project"); and
- B. By Order No. G-140-06 the Commission established an Oral Public Hearing process and Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application; and
- C. By Order No. G-171-06 dated December 20, 2006, in response to requests from the Quail Ridge Residents' Association ("QRRR") and Mr. Hans Karow, the Commission established a Revised Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application; and
- D. By letter dated January 3, 2007, Counsel for the Concerned Citizens of Quail Ridge and Lochrem Road ("CCQRLR") advised that he had just been retained by the CCQRLR and, citing a number of concerns including lack of adequate notice of the Application to the affected residents, absence of a secured agreement for purchase of the proposed site, potential challenges regarding securing the required zoning, and a need to obtain expert opinions to inform the debate, submitted that the scheduled Oral Hearing for February 6, 2007 is premature; and
- E. By letter dated January 4, 2007, Mr. Hans Karow requested a reconsideration of the Revised Regulatory Timetable expressing a requirement for additional time to allow intervenors to retain legal counsel and expert advice; and
- F. By letter dated January 8, 2007, Mr. Hans Karow further requested that Electromagnetic Field ("EMF") related issues be added to the hearing list; and

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- G. On January 9, 2007, the Commission held a Workshop on the Project in Kelowna, which provided FortisBC an opportunity to explain the details of the Application and attendees to ask questions of FortisBC; and
- H. On January 9, 2007, the Commission held a Pre-hearing Conference in Kelowna to hear submission from Intervenor and Interested Parties, to address procedural matters and to develop an Issues List for the Oral Hearing; and
- I. Commission Letter No. L-18-04, "CPCN Application Guidelines", specifies that with regard to Public Consultation the CPCN Application should include a description of the Applicant's public information and consultation program, including the names of groups, agencies or individuals consulted, as well as a summary of the issues and concerns discussed, mitigation proposals explored, decisions taken and items to be resolved; and
- J. The Commission Panel has considered the written submissions received prior to January 9, 2007 as well as the submissions made by FortisBC, Intervenor and Interested Parties during the Pre-hearing Conference, and has determined that a further extension to the Revised Regulatory Timetable set down in Order No. G-171-06 to allow for further examination of the Application and, more specifically, possible siting alternatives as suggested by Intervenor, is warranted.
- K. The Commission Panel has considered the submissions for Hearing Issues, including consultation concerning the Application and an expansive review of EMF issues and has determined a Hearing Issues List related to the decision that it must make with respect to the Application.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission establishes an Extended Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Ellison Substation Project Application, attached as Appendix A, and formalizes the Hearing Issues List for the Oral Hearing, attached as Appendix B.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this    15<sup>th</sup>    day of January 2007.

**BY ORDER**

*Original signed by:*

L.F. Kelsey  
Panel Chair and Commissioner

Attachments

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**EXTENDED REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE (2006)</b>
Commission Information Request No. 1	Wednesday, November 29
Intervenor Registration	Friday, December 1
Intervenor Information Request No. 1	Friday, December 8
FortisBC Responses to Commission Information Request No. 1 and Intervenor Information Request No. 1	Friday, December 15
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE (2007)</b>
Intervenor Participant Assistance Budgets	Friday, January 5
Workshop and Pre-hearing Conference	Tuesday, January 9
BCUC Information Request No. 2 and Intervenor Information Request No. 2	Friday, January 19
FortisBC Responses to BCUC and Intervenor Information Requests No. 2	Wednesday, January 31
Filing of Intervenor Evidence	Wednesday, February 21
Information Requests to Intervenor	Friday, March 2
Intervenor Responses to Information Requests	Friday, March 16
Filing of Rebuttal Evidence (if any) and Filing of Witness CV's	Friday, March 23
Oral Public Hearing commences	Monday, April 2

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**HEARING ISSUES LIST**

1. Justification for Project
2. Alternative Solutions
3. Route Options for Transmission and Distribution
4. Status of Land Acquisition
5. Project compliance with the WHO and ICNIRP EMF standards
6. Aesthetics, including possible mitigation measures and impact on property values
7. Impact of delays to Project and bridging measures for mitigation