



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

and

An Application by British Columbia Transmission Corporation
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Interior to Lower Mainland Transmission Project

BEFORE: R.H. Hobbs, Chair
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner November 7, 2007
A.J. Pullman, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 5, 2007 British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Sections 45 and 46 of the Utilities Commission Act (the "Act"), an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the Interior to Lower Mainland Transmission Project ("ILM Project") to reinforce the electric transmission system (the "Application"); and
- B. The ILM Project consists of a new 500 kV Alternating Current transmission line between Nicola substation near Merritt and Meridian substation in Coquitlam, and a new 500 kV series capacitor station which would be located approximately at the midpoint of the new circuit; and
- C. BCTC estimates that the ILM Project will cost approximately \$602 million, excluding Aboriginal accommodation costs; and
- D. BCTC states that the Application has been distributed to individuals and organizations on the basis of the consultation process and past participation in BCTC proceedings before the Commission, and that printed copies of the Application have been provided to Municipalities, Regional Districts, Aboriginal groups and public libraries in proximity to the proposed Project; and
- E. BCTC requests that the Commission establish a Procedural Conference regarding the regulatory review of the Application; and
- F. The Commission has considered the Application and determined that an Oral Public Hearing is required for the regulatory review of the Application; and
- G. The Commission has determined that a Procedural Conference is required to hear submissions on some aspects of the regulatory process for the review of the Application.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-137-07

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. An Oral Public Hearing into the Application will be held in 2008, on a date to be determined, and the first steps in the regulatory review process will be in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable that is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
2. A Procedural Conference regarding the regulatory process for the review of the Application filed by BCTC will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2007 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room on the Twelfth Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. to address procedural matters which will include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - identification of the principal issues arising from or related to the Application;
 - additional process steps and associated dates for the regulatory review, including:
 - i. whether Intervenors intend to file evidence;
 - ii. the date and location(s) of the Oral Hearing; and
 - iii. other matters that may assist the Commission to efficiently review the Application.
3. BCTC will publish, as soon as possible, in display-ad format, the Notice of Application and Procedural Conference attached as Appendix B to this Order, in the Vancouver Sun and Province, and such other appropriate local news publications as may properly provide adequate notice to the public in the vicinity of the ILM Project.
4. BCTC will use reasonable efforts to distribute copies of this Order and its Appendices to individuals and organizations that may be affected by the Project.
5. The Application, together with any supporting materials, will be made available for inspection at the BCTC Vancouver office, the Commission's office, and public libraries and local government offices in proximity to the Project.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of November 2007.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert H. Hobbs
Chair

Attachments

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2007)
Commission Information Request No. 1	Friday, December 7
Registration of Intervenor and Interested Parties	Thursday, December 13
Intervenor Information Requests No. 1	Thursday, December 13
Procedural Conference No. 1	Thursday, December 20
	DATE (2008)
BCTC Responses to Commission Information Request No. 1	Thursday, January 10
Filing of Participant Assistance/Cost Award Budgets	Thursday, January 17
BCTC Responses to Intervenor Information Requests No. 1	Monday, January 28
Commission and Intervenor Information Requests No. 2	Friday, February 8
BCTC Responses to Information Requests No. 2	Thursday, March 6

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APPENDIX B
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

DATE:	Thursday, December 20, 2007
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	Commission Hearing Room Twelfth Floor 1125 Howe Street Vancouver, BC

THE APPLICATION

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THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Order No. G-137-07 established a Procedural Conference to hear submissions on the regulatory process. The Procedural Conference will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2007, in the Commission Hearing Room on the Twelfth Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS

The Application and supporting documents will be made available for inspection at the BCTC Head Office at 1055 Dunsmuir Street, Suite 1100 Four Bentall Centre, Vancouver, BC V7X 1V5, and at the British Columbia Utilities Commission office, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3, and at public libraries in communities in the vicinity of the ILM Project.

The Application and supporting documents will also be available for view on BCTC's website at <http://www.bctc.com> and on the Commission's website at <http://www.bcuc.com>.

INTERVENTIONS

Persons who expect to actively participate in the BCTC proceeding should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing, by Thursday, December 13, 2007. Intervenor should identify the issues that they intend to pursue and the nature and extent of their anticipated involvement in the review process. Intervenor will each receive a copy of all non-confidential correspondence and filed documentation and should provide an e-mail address if available.

Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the proceeding, should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by Thursday, December 13, 2007, identifying their interest in the proceeding. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Executive Summary from the Application.

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Ms. Erica Hamilton, Commission Secretary, as follows:

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