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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 Tariff Changes for Contingency Reserve and Spinning Reserve Transmission Service

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner January 10, 2008

P.E. Vivian, Commissioner

## ORDER

## WHEREAS:

- A. British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") filed on December 20, 2007, an application for approval of changes to Attachment R of its Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") related to Contingency Reserve and Spinning Reserve ("the Application") pursuant to Sections 60 and 61 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- B. BCTC has requested the changes to make the pricing of Contingency Reserve and Spinning Reserve under Attachment R consistent with the pricing of Dynamic Scheduling Service under Attachment O of the OATT; and
- C. Currently Attachment R of the Tariff requires that Contingency Reserve and Spinning Reserve be priced at the maximum price set out in Rate Schedule 01 of the OATT, whereas Attachment O of the OATT allows for discounted pricing if Short-Term Point to Point transmission service is purchased at a discounted price and then designated a Dynamic Schedule; and
- D. BCTC states that on December 4, 2007 it implemented changes to its systems and business practices related to implementation of changes with respect to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") Electronic Tag 1.8.0 ("E-tag 1.8") standards for energy scheduling; and
- E. To implement NERC E-tag 1.8 BCTC revised its systems and business practices such that BCTC customers can purchase Firm transmission service and then schedule Contingency Reserve and Spinning Reserve directly against the Firm Service, similar to how Dynamic Scheduling service is designated and scheduled; and

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- F. BCTC submits that Powerex is currently the only customer to use Contingency Reserve and Spinning Reserve service and that Powerex supports BCTC's Application; and
- G. BCTC has provided copies of the Application to OATT registered intervenors, and none has provided any comment on the Application; and
- H. The Commission has reviewed the Application and has determined that approval is in the public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission approves the Application effective December 1, 2007.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2008.

**BY ORDER** 

Original signed by

L. F. Kelsey Commissioner