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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-22-08

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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 Rates Effective April 1, 2008 and April 1, 2009**

BEFORE: L.A. O'Hara, Panel Chair and Commissioner February 25, 2008

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 20, 2008, British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") filed an application for approval of its F2009 and F2010 Transmission Revenue Requirements (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, 2008 and April 1, 2009 and to amend on an interim basis the current rates effective April 1, 2008, to reflect the rates BCTC is seeking on a permanent basis as proposed in Table 11-9 of the Application; and
- B. The Application forecasts a revenue deficiency of \$51.4 million in F2009 and a further revenue deficiency of \$38.7 million in F2010, which result in the proposed revenue requirement increases of 9.9 percent and 6.8 percent for F2009 and F2010 respectively. The rates that BCTC seeks to have approved effective April 1, 2008 and April 1, 2009 are set out in Table 11-9 columns (d) and (e) respectively of the Application. The proposed rates are forecast to have an impact on British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") rates of 1.7 percent in F2009 and an additional 1.2 percent in F2010. The impacts on BC Hydro rates from the proposed BCTC rate changes are already reflected in the BC Hydro F2009/F2010 Revenue Requirements Application; and

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- C. In the Application BCTC also applies, pursuant to Section 89 of the Act, for approval on an interim basis, effective April 1, 2008, of the rates as set out in Table 11-9 column (d) of the Application; and
- D. In the Application BCTC sets out that on the conclusion of the proceeding BCTC will implement permanent rates and make adjustments to prior billing, in accordance with the Commission's decision on the Application; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the Application and considers that interim rates are warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 89 of the Act, the Commission approves the rates set out in Table 11-9 column (d) of the Application as interim rates for BCTC effective April 1, 2008.
2. The difference between the F2009 interim rates and permanent rates that are determined by the Commission following consideration of the Application is subject to refund with interest calculated at BCTC's most recent annual weighted cost of debt as set out in the Commission Order that establishes permanent rates for BCTC.
3. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing by BCTC, amended Electric Tariff Rate Schedules in accordance with the terms of this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of February 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara
Commissioner