

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION ORDER NUMBER G-75-08

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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 Approval To Issue Additional Common Shares

#### **BEFORE:**

L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner P.E. Vivian, Commissioner April 24, 2008

# ORDER

### WHEREAS:

- A. On April 21, 2008 FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC" or "Company") filed an application with the Commission for approval to issue up to 250,000 authorized \$100 par value common shares for a total of up to \$25 million on or before December 31, 2008 (the "Application"); and
- B. FortisBC has included with the Application an authorized copy of the Board of Directors resolution approving the share issuance; and
- C. FortisBC's rates are currently subject to regulation using a deemed capital structure of 60 percent debt and 40 percent equity. The infusion of equity will maintain the common equity ratio at 40 percent; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Application together with the supporting information provided and finds that approval is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to Section 50 of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission approves for FortisBC Inc. the issuance of up to 250,000 authorized \$100 par value common shares to Fortis Pacific Holdings Ltd. for a total value of up to \$25 million on or before December 31, 2008.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2008.

# BY ORDER

Original signed by

L. F. Kelsey Commissioner