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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-106-08

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

and

**An Application by the British Columbia Transmission Corporation
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Central Vancouver Island Transmission Project**

BEFORE: M. Harle, Commissioner
A.J. Pullman, Commissioner June 26, 2008

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 8, 2008, pursuant to the Utilities Commission Act (the "Act"), the British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") filed an application ("Application") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to construct and operate the Central Vancouver Island Transmission Project (the "CVI Project"); and
- B. BCTC proposes the CVI Project as the preferred solution to capacity constraints in the Central Vancouver Island area; and
- C. The CVI Project has an estimated capital cost of approximately \$100 million, which includes the construction of a new Harewood West substation, and the construction of a new transmission line, approximately 12 km in length, following a route described as the Harewood South route; and
- D. BCTC wishes to obtain the CPCN by the end of August 2008, in order to complete the project by the desired date of October 2010; and
- E. By Order No. G-82-08 dated May 16, 2008, the Commission established a Procedural Conference in Nanaimo, B.C. on June 12, 2008 to seek input on the regulatory process for the review of the Application; and
- F. The Commission has considered the input received at the Procedural Conference, and has concluded that further information regarding the status of the application by BCTC to the Integrated Land Management Bureau ("ILMB") with respect to Block 271 would be helpful prior to making a determination on whether the review of the Application should proceed by a written or oral hearing process.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A Community Input Session will be held in the City of Nanaimo, on July 17, 2008, regarding the Application. The Community Input Session will be held at the Coast Bastion Inn, 11 Bastion Street, Nanaimo, B.C., commencing at 1:00 p.m.
2. BCTC will provide a written report on the status of its application to the ILMB to the Commission and other participants by Tuesday, July 29, 2008.
3. BCTC will publish, as soon as possible, in display-ad format, a Notice of Community Input Session, in the following publications: The Victoria Times-Colonist, The Nanaimo Bulletin, The Nanaimo Daily News, The Harbour City Star, The Parksville/Qualicum News, and the Oceanside Star.
4. BCTC will distribute copies of this Order and its Appendix, in a timely fashion, via registered mail, to all landowners potentially affected by the CVI Project.
5. The Commission establishes the Regulatory Timetable (attached as Appendix "A").

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26th day of June 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.J. Pullman
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2008)
Intervenor and Interested Party Registrations	Tuesday, May 27
Commission Information Request No. 1	Thursday, May 29
Participant Assistance Cost Award Budget Submissions	Friday, May 30
Intervenor Information Request No. 1	Thursday, June 5
Procedural Conference (Nanaimo)	Thursday, June 12
BCTC Response to Information Request No. 1	Thursday, June 19
Information Request No. 2 to BCTC	Thursday, July 10
Community Input Session Commencing 1:00 p.m. in Nanaimo	Thursday, July 17
BCTC Response to Information Request No. 2	Thursday, July 24
BCTC Report on Status of ILMB Application	Tuesday, July 29

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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION

DATE:	Thursday, July 17, 2008
TIME:	1:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Coast Bastion Inn 11 Bastion Street Nanaimo, BC

THE APPLICATION

On May 8, 2008, the British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") filed an application ("Application") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to construct and operate the Central Vancouver Island Transmission Project (the "CVI Project") pursuant to the Utilities Commission Act (the "Act").

BCTC proposes the CVI Project as the preferred solution to capacity constraints in the Central Vancouver Island area and has estimated the CVI Project capital cost to be approximately \$100 million, which includes the construction of a new Harewood West substation, and the construction of a new transmission line, approximately 12 km in length, following a route described as the Harewood South route.

BCTC wishes to obtain the CPCN by the end of August 2008, in order to complete the project by the desired date of October 2010.

A Procedural Conference established by Order No. G-82-08 dated May 16, 2008 was held in Nanaimo to seek input on the regulatory process for the review of the Application and, on June 26, 2008, the Commission issued Order No. G-106-08 establishing the Regulatory Timetable and the Community Input Session for this Application.

THE COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION

The Community Input Session will provide an opportunity to make presentations to the Commission Panel on the CVI Project, and the presentations will be recorded. Each presentation will be limited to 15 minutes. All parties making submissions at the Community Input Session are encouraged to provide a hard copy of their submissions.

Parties wishing to make a presentation to the Commission Panel should contact Mr. Gordon Fulton, Commission Counsel, at gfulton@boughton.ca or (604) 647-4104 by Monday, July 14, 2008. If by July 14, 2008 four or less presentations are scheduled for the Community Input Session, then the Community Input Session will be cancelled. Notice of cancellation will be provided to those who register with the Commission Secretary.

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.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS

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>, and at public libraries in communities in the vicinity of the CVI Project.

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

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