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Ms. Janet Fraser
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Dear Ms. Fraser:

Re: British Columbia and Transmission Corporation
Application to Temporarily Suspend the Release of Firm
Available Transfer Capacity on the BC to Alberta Path

By letter dated June 3, 2008, BCTC applied for approval to temporarily suspend the release of additional Firm Available Transfer Capacity (ATC) on the BC to Alberta (BC-AB) path and to suspend the Facilities Study related to that capacity until certain issues can be addressed in BCTC's next Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) application.

BCTC has posted copies of its application on its website at <http://www.bctc.com/regulatory/applications> and has notified customers who would potentially be affected by its application and those in the queue for long-term firm service.

BCTC states that there are currently 31 requests from six customers in the queue for LTF PTP transmission service with requests totaling 2650 MW, and that customers in the queue have requested a Facilities Study, which BCTC is currently conducting. BCTC further submits that, in view of the potential for increased real-time curtailments, some existing LTF PTP customers have complained that their service would be devalued if BCTC were to release additional LTF PTP capacity on the BC-AB path under the OATT, unless there were corresponding increases in system capacity on the Alberta side of the intertie.

BCTC states that it does not dispute the appropriateness of the OATT provisions, but that approval of the temporary suspension orders will allow BCTC to consult with both existing customers and those in the queue to ensure that the issue can be addressed in the context of its next OATT Application and prior to the sale of further LTF PTP service.

Before issuing a decision, the Commission wishes to receive comments on BCTC's application from interested parties. By way of a copy of this letter, interested parties are requested to provide written submissions to the Commission by Thursday, June 12, 2008. BCTC is requested to provide its reply submissions, if any, to the Commission by Wednesday, June 18, 2008.

Yours truly,

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