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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-137-08

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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: A.W.K. Anderson, Commissioner
and Panel Chair
M.R. Harle, Commissioner
A.J. Pullman, Commissioner

September 24, 2008

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 8, 2008, pursuant to the Utilities Commission 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 alleviate 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 G-82-08 dated May 16, 2008, the Commission established a Procedural Conference in Nanaimo, BC on June 12, 2008 to seek input on the regulatory process for the review of the Application; and
- F. The Commission considered the input received at the Procedural Conference, and 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; and

- G. By Order G-106-08 dated June 26, 2008, the Commission established a Community Input Session in Nanaimo, BC on July 17, 2008 to seek input on the regulatory process for the review of the Application; and
- H. The Commission considered the information received at the Community Input Session, and concluded that further information regarding the review of the Application was required; and
- I. By Order G-117-08 dated August 11, 2008, the Commission established an amended Regulatory Timetable and sought Intervenor submissions on whether or not the Application should proceed by a Written or Oral hearing process; and
- J. On August 22, 2008 Jeanette Pongratz-Doyle responded that her choice was the Oral Hearing process; and
- K. On August 27, 2008 Maureen Young responded that she would prefer an Oral Public Hearing; and
- L. On September 18, 2008 BC Hydro responded that that it considered a written review process appropriate; and
- M. Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee did not provide a submission on the hearing process. On June 8, 2008 Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee stated that it is not seeking an Oral Hearing; and
- N. On September 18, 2008 BCTC submitted that the proceeding should continue on the proposed Written Regulatory Timetable and BCTC continues to be of the view that an Oral hearing is not required for the Commission to decide whether or not the CVI Project meets the test of public convenience and necessity and is in the public interest; and
- O. On September 15, 2008 BCOAPO *et al* stated that it has no strong preference for either a Written or Oral Hearing process and should the individuals registered as Intervenors in the CVI Project process express a desire for a written process or express no preference whatsoever, BCOAPO *et al* will be content with the written process as proposed; and
- P. On September 24, 2008 BCTC confirmed that the Integrated Land Management Bureau ("ILMB") has accepted BCTC's application for tenure over Crown Land for an electric power line crossing those parts of District Lot 1 E&N and Block 271; together with unsurveyed Crown foreshore or land covered by water being part of the bed of Boulder Creek, all within Douglas District, containing 8.8 hectares, more or less to fulfillment of certain survey requirements. BCTC also advised the Commission that it had received notification on September 11, 2008 from the ILMB that the application relating to the preferred route alignment over the remainder of Crown Block 271, Block 202, and Block 18 Plan 691C, all within the Douglas District was received by the ILMB. The application has not yet been formally accepted by the ILMB. BCTC will update the Commission once a letter of acceptance has been received from the ILMB; and

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- Q. The Commission reviewed filed exhibits and the Transcripts of the Procedural Conference of June 12, 2008 and noted that none of the Intervenor indicated a wish to file formal evidence. The Commission has concluded, after a review of these documents and the receipt of Intervenor submissions, that the review of the Application will proceed as a Written hearing process.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission establishes the Amended Regulatory Timetable (attached as Appendix A).
2. BCTC will distribute copies of this Order and its Appendix, in a timely fashion, via registered mail and email, to all Registered Intervenor and Interested Parties.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29th day of September 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.W.K. Anderson
Commissioner and Panel Chair

Attachment

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APPENDIX A
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AMENDED WRITTEN REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2008)
BCTC Written Final Submission	Thursday, October 9
Intervenors Written Final Submissions	Thursday, October 16
BCTC Written Reply Submission	Thursday, October 23

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