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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-112-08

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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 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Okanagan Transmission Reinforcement Project**

BEFORE: A.W.K. Anderson, Panel Chair
and Commissioner
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner July 23, 2008
M.R. Harle, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 14, 2007 FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") applied (the "Application") to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the Okanagan Transmission Reinforcement Project (the "Project"); and
- B. FortisBC states that the Project is estimated to cost \$141.4 million and is required to alleviate system constraints, enhance reliability, and serve emerging load in the Okanagan region of FortisBC's service territory; and
- C. The Project will replace the existing 28 kilometer 161 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line between Vaseux Lake and Penticton with two new 230 kV lines in double circuit configuration and upgrade 11 kilometers of 161 kV transmission line to 230 kV between Vaseux Lake and Oliver, all within the existing line corridor. Other major project components are upgrades to Vaseux Lake Terminal station near Oliver and RG Anderson Terminal station in Penticton to accommodate the voltage change from 161 to 230 kV, the construction of a new Bentley Terminal station approximately 300 meters from the existing Oliver Terminal station on Osoyoos Indian Band land, conversion of the Oliver Terminal station to a distribution substation, and installation of capacitor banks at the FA Lee and DG Bell Terminal stations in Kelowna; and

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- D. By Order No. G-160-07, the Commission established a Regulatory Timetable for a Procedural Conference on February 27, 2008 in Penticton, BC; and
- E. By Order No. G-35-08, the Commission established an Oral Public Hearing and Community Input Session for June 23, 2008 in Penticton, BC, and a Regulatory Timetable; and
- F. On July 23, 2008, FortisBC requested an extension of the Regulatory Timetable to the filing date for Intervenor Argument and FortisBC Reply Argument (Exhibit B-25); and
- G. The Commission Panel has considered the FortisBC request for an extension of the Regulatory Timetable, and has determined that an extension of the Regulatory Timetable is in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission establishes an amended Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application as set out in Appendix A.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of July 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.W. Keith Anderson
Panel Chair and Commissioner

Attachment

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AMENDED REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2008)
Intervenors Written Final Submissions	Wednesday, July 30
FortisBC Written Reply Submission	Friday, August 1