

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-196-08**

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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 an Interim Emergency Curtailment Order**

BEFORE: A.A. Rhodes, Commissioner
D.A. Cote, Commissioner December 17, 2008

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 17, 2008 FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") pursuant to sections 23 and 91(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the "Act") requested an interim Order allowing the curtailment of load under conditions precipitated by prolonged extreme cold weather conditions; and
- B. The portions of the service area subject to the Curtailment Order would be restricted to Kelowna and Naramata; and
- C. Such periods of extreme cold weather conditions have occurred and are expected to continue; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 91(1) of the Act, the Commission:

- 1. Approves the Application for an interim Order, effective immediately, allowing FortisBC to curtail non-essential load under conditions caused by prolonged extreme cold temperatures that FortisBC, at its discretion, deems to place the electrical system at risk.
- 2. Restricts the measures taken by FortisBC under the Interim Order to the Kelowna and Naramata areas for the period up to and including January 5, 2009.

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3. Requires FortisBC to file with the Commission by February 27, 2009 a report on the causes of the event, the emergency actions taken, and the action plan that will avoid the problem in the future.
4. Requires FortisBC to notify all customers that have been curtailed under this Interim Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of December 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.A. Rhodes
Commissioner