

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-179-08**

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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 Approval of its Transmission System
Capital Plan F2010 and F2011**

BEFORE: L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner
and Panel Chair
D. Cote, Commissioner
December 8, 2008

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 21, 2008, pursuant to the *Utilities Commission Act* (the "Act"), the British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") filed an application ("Application") for Approval of its Transmission System Capital Plan F2010 and F2011; and
- B. Pursuant to sections 44.2 and 45(6) of the Act, BCTC applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") for an Order under section 44.2(3) of the Act accepting the expenditure schedules provided in the Application that includes the Growth Capital Projects for Approval, the total Sustaining Capital expenditures for F2010 and F2011, the BCTC Capital Expenditures for Approval, and the Emergency Capital expenditures for F2008 and F2009; and
- C. BCTC also applied to the Commission for an Order that this Transmission System Capital Plan complies with the requirements of section 45(6) of the Act, and for an Order under sections 88(2) and/or 99 of the Act relieving BCTC from certain Commission Directives identified in Application; and
- D. BCTC recommends a written regulatory review process and proposed a Regulatory Timetable providing for a Procedural Conference and one round of Information Requests; and

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E. The Commission has considered the proposed Regulatory Timetable and has concluded that a written public hearing process providing for two rounds of Information Requests is appropriate for the review of the Application.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A written public hearing process is established for the review of the Transmission System Capital Plan Application F2010 and F2011, according to the Regulatory Timetable that is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
2. BCTC will publish the Notice of Application and Written Public Hearing, attached as Appendix B, in the Vancouver Sun and Province, the Victoria Times Colonist and such local papers as provide sufficient coverage of its service area, as soon as it is possible to do so.
3. BCTC will provide a copy of this Order to all Intervenor who registered for the Transmission System Capital Plan F2009 to F2018 and the F2009 and F2010 Transmission Revenue Requirements proceedings; and the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority 2008 Long-Term Acquisition Plan proceeding.
4. Persons wishing to be Intervenor or Interested Parties in the proceeding should register, in writing, with the Commission by Friday, December 19, 2008.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of December 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara
Commissioner and Panel Chair

Attachments

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REGULATORY AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2008 & 2009)
Intervenor and Interested Party Registrations	Friday, December 19
Commission Information Request No. 1	Friday, January 16
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Budget Submissions	Tuesday, January 20
Intervenor Information Request No. 1	Friday, January 23
BCTC Response to Commission and Intervenor Information Requests No. 1	Friday, February 6
Commission and Intervenor Information Requests No. 2	Wednesday, February 18
BCTC Response to Commission and Intervenor Information Requests No. 2	Wednesday, March 4
BCTC Final Submission	Wednesday, March 11
Intervenor Final Submission	Wednesday, March 18
BCTC Reply Submission	Wednesday, March 25



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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
AND
WRITTEN PUBLIC HEARING**

THE APPLICATION

On November 21, 2008, the British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") filed its Application for approval of Transmission System Capital Plan ("TSCP") F2010 to F2011, and applied for Orders stating that the Plan meets the requirements of the Utilities Commission Act, and that capital expenditures relating to certain projects and programs for F2010 and F2011 are in the public interest.

In the Plan, BCTC seeks approval for the F2010 and F2011 period of Growth Capital Projects, Sustaining Capital Expenditures, BCTC Capital Expenditures totaling almost \$325 million and Emergency Capital Expenditures for F2008 and F2009 totaling almost \$3.5 million. Currently, BCTC is managing previously approved Growth projects totaling \$959 million.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Commission Order G-179-08 established the Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application by way of a Written Public Hearing.

The detailed Regulatory Timetable can be reviewed on the Commission's website <http://www.bcuc.com>
>Proceedings&Agendas>Current Applications.

INTERVENTIONS

Persons who expect to actively participate in the BCTC proceeding should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing, by Friday, December 19, 2008, identifying their interest in the Application. Intervenor will receive copies of the Application as well as all correspondence and filed documentation and should provide an e-mail address if available.

Persons not expecting to actively participate in the BCTC proceeding, but who have an interest in the matter, should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by Friday, December 19, 2008, identifying their interest in the matter. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Transmission System Capital Plan F2010 and F2011, and all Orders issued.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the general 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 materials will be available for inspection at the following locations:

British Columbia Transmission Corporation

Head Office
Suite 1100, Four Bentall Centre
1055 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver, BC V7X 1V5
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FURTHER INFORMATION

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