

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER E-1-09**



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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

A Filing by FortisBC Inc.
of Electricity Purchase Agreements

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner January 15, 2009
D.A. Cote, Commissioner
R.K. Ravelli, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 3, 2008 pursuant to section 71 of the Utilities Commission Act ("Act"), FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") an Electricity Purchase Agreement ("EPA") dated September 8, 2008 for a call option between FortisBC and Teck Cominco Metals, Ltd. ("Cominco") and the EPA was made pursuant to the Western Systems Power Pool Agreement; and
- B. In the Application, FortisBC requested that the Commission keep the EPA and Application confidential; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the EPA; and
- D. The Commission has considered the Application and has determined that the Application is in the public interest.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to section 71 of the Act, the EPA that is set out in Appendix A to this Order is accepted for filing.
2. The Commission will keep confidential the EPA and Appendix A of the Application.
3. FortisBC will file a report, by April 30, 2009, on the monthly amounts of firm capacity/energy purchases and unit prices paid for firm capacity/energy as well as the total monthly payments to Cominco.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of January 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Dennis A. Cote
Commissioner

Attachment

FORTISBC
ELECTRICITY PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Doc #	Purchase	Seller Company Name	Effective Date
1	Firm, Unit Available Capacity Call November 1, 2008 – February 28, 2009	Teck Cominco Ltd.	September 9, 2008