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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** G-94-10

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

and

An Application by British Columbia Transmission Corporation  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
for the Columbia Valley Transmission Project

**BEFORE:** M.R. Harle, Panel Chair/Commissioner  
L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner June 2, 2010  
R.K. Ravelli, Commissioner

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On January 22, 2010, the British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC) applied (the Application), pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the Act), to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct and operate the Columbia Valley Transmission Project (the CVT Project) as described in its Application; and
- B. BCTC is proposing the CVT Project as the preferred solution to serve load growth in Upper Columbia Valley area over a 30 year period; and
- C. The CVT Project has an estimated capital cost of approximately \$154 million to construct: a 112 kilometer (km) long 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Invermere and Golden, British Columbia; a new 230/69 kV substation near Golden including a new 3 km long 69 kV transmission line connection to the existing Golden substation; and related upgrades at existing substations in Cranbrook, Invermere and Golden. The new facilities are scheduled to go into service in October 2012; and
- D. Pursuant to Order G-18-10 dated February 8, 2010, the Commission held a Procedural Conference in Vancouver, BC on March 17, 2010 to seek input on the regulatory process for the review of the Application; and
- E. By letter dated March 19, 2010, BCTC stated that it wishes to obtain the CPCN by the August 1, 2010, in order to complete the project by the desired date of October 2012; and
- F. Commission Order G-54-10 established a written public hearing and Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application; and
- G. The Regulatory Timetable included a Workshop and Community Input Session in Invermere, BC, which were subsequently cancelled by Commission Letter L-35-10 dated April 13, 2010; and

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- H. By letter dated April 13, 2010, the Ktunaxa Nation Council requested a change to the Regulatory Timetable to provide First Nations with an opportunity to review BCTC's evidence on the adequacy of consultation before filing their own evidence; and
- I. By letter dated April 14, 2010, BCTC proposed a revised Regulatory Timetable to accommodate the April 13, 2010 request of the Ktunaxa Nation Council; and
- J. By letter dated May 31, 2010, the Ktunaxa Nation Council requested a two day extension from June 2 to June 4, 2010 for filing their responses to the Commission's May 27, 2010 Information Requests; and
- K. By letter dated June 1, 2010, BCTC proposed a revised Regulatory Timetable to accommodate the May 31, 2010 request of the Ktunaxa Nation Council; and
- L. By letter dated June 1, 2010, the Commission granted the Ktunaxa Nation Council its May 31, 2010 request for a two day extension; and
- M. The Commission has determined that changes to the Regulatory Timetable are required.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders that the Regulatory Timetable for review of the Application is amended as set out in the Revised Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2010.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

L.A. O'Hara  
Commissioner

Attachment

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**REVISED REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE (2010)</b>
<b>Interveners response to Information Requests</b>	<b>Friday, June 4</b>
<b>BCTC Written Final Submission</b>	<b>Thursday, June 10</b>
<b>Intervener Written Final Submissions</b>	<b>Thursday, June 17</b>
<b>BCTC Written Reply Submission</b>	<b>Thursday, June 24</b>