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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-98-10**

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

and

**An Inquiry into British Columbia's Electricity Transmission Infrastructure
and Capacity Needs for the Next 30 Years**

BEFORE: L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner and Panel Chair
A.W.K. Anderson, Commissioner
D.A. Cote, Commissioner June 4, 2010
M.R. Harle, Commissioner
R.K. Ravelli, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 5(4) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA or Act) provides that the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) must conduct an inquiry (Inquiry) to make determinations with respect to British Columbia's infrastructure and capacity needs for electricity transmission for the period ending 20 years after the day the Inquiry begins, or a different period if so specified by terms of reference issued by the Minister; and
- B. On December 11, 2008, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (Minister) issued Terms of Reference for the Inquiry; and
- C. On December 15, 2009, the Minister wrote to the Commission stating that, following the Government's consideration and policy responses to the recommendations of the Green Energy Advisory Task Force, he would issue amended terms of reference for the Inquiry, and that therefore it would not be productive to continue with the Inquiry before May 31, 2010; and
- D. On December 21, 2009, the Commission Panel issued Order G-167-09 suspending the Inquiry until May 31, 2010; and
- E. The *Clean Energy Act* (Bill 17, 2010), which was introduced in the Legislature on April 28, 2010, proposes to reintegrate British Columbia Transmission Corporation with British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) and also proposes certain consequential amendments to the UCA; and

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- F. On May 31, 2010, the Minister wrote to the Commission stating that changes proposed in the *Clean Energy Act* eliminate the need for a Commission-led Inquiry and that a consequential amendment under Bill 17 proposes to repeal sections 5(4) to (9) of the UCA. The Minister's letter further states that, assuming sections 5(4) to (9) of the UCA are repealed, the Inquiry will no longer be a legislated requirement and therefore resumption of the Inquiry is not warranted; and
- G. On June 3, 2010, the *Clean Energy Act* received Royal Assent resulting in the repeal of sections 5(4) to (9) of the UCA.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders that the Inquiry is cancelled.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this *Fourth* day of June 2010.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara
Commissioner/Panel Chair