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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER E-9-11**

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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 an Electricity Purchase Agreement with
Shell Energy North America (US), L.P.**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner May 19, 2011
D. Morton, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 17, 2011, pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (Act), FortisBC Inc. (FortisBC) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or the Commission) a confidential Electricity Purchase Agreement (the Agreement) dated December 20, 2010 for purchase of power between FortisBC and Shell Energy North America (US), L.P. and the Agreement was made pursuant to the Western Systems Power Pool Agreement;
- B. FortisBC requested that the details in the filing and the Agreement be kept confidential due to the commercially sensitive nature;
- C. The Commission has considered the Agreement and has determined that it is in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

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1. The Agreement is accepted for filing, pursuant to section 71 of the Act.
2. The Commission will keep confidential the details in the filing and the Agreement.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of May 2011.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner