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BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

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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 Columbia Power Corporation

BEFORE: B.A. Magnan, Commissioner

D.M. Morton, Commissioner R.D. Revel, Commissioner

C. van Wermeskerken, Commissioner

December 20, 2012

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 11, 2012, pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, Fortis BC Inc. (Fortis BC) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) an Energy Supply Contract (the Agreement) dated November 15, 2012 for the purchase of capacity and energy between Fortis BC and Columbia Power Corporation (CPC). The Agreement was made pursuant to the Western Systems Power Pool Agreement;
- B. The Agreement is for the purchase of capacity and energy for the 5-year term of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2017;
- C. FortisBC requests that the details in the filing and the Agreement be kept confidential due to its commercially-sensitive nature; and
- D. The Commission considered the Agreement and has determined that it is in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission accepts the Agreement for filing. The Commission will keep the Agreement and the information in FortisBC's filing confidential.

Dated at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this

20th

day of December 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton Commissioner