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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-171-12**

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

and

**FortisBC Inc. (FortisBC)
The Kettle Valley Distribution Source Project
Commission Order C-5-06 for
a Stage 2 Prudency Expenditure Inquiry
Under Sections 59 and 60 of the *Utilities Commission Act***

BEFORE: D.M. Morton, Panel Chair/Commissioner
R.D. Revel, Commissioner

November 14, 2012

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 5, 2012, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order G-96-12 which established a written Regulatory Timetable having an Oral Phase of Arguments;
- B. In view of the amount of evidence already on the record; on October 15, 2012, the Commission issued a letter inviting comments from FortisBC and Registered Interveners as to whether or not they wished to continue the review with an Oral Phase or proceed directly to the written argument phase. In the letter, the Commission also sought comment on the proposed Regulatory Timetable;
- C. The British Columbia Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization (BCSPO), formerly BCOAPO *et al.*, October 16, 2012 reply supported canceling the oral argument phase and agreed with the Regulatory Timetable proposed by the Commission;
- D. The Industrial Consumers Group (ICG) confirmed in its October 24, 2012 reply that it did not request an Oral Phase of Argument in this proceeding, and recommended proceeding with the draft Regulatory Timetable proposed by the Commission;
- E. On October 25, 2012, FortisBC replied stating that it concurred with BCSPO and ICG and supported the regulatory timetable that the Commission proposed in its October 15, 2012 letter, including the cancellation of an oral argument phase; and is of the view, given the volume of evidence already on record and the

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proceedings to date, that there is no need for an oral argument phase;

- F. None of the other Registered Interveners provided any comment on the Commission's October 15, 2012 letter and therefore were understood to be unopposed;
- G. The Commission has considered the comments received from the Interveners and the reply from FortisBC, and concluded that there is no need for an oral argument phase and will accordingly amend the Regulatory Timetable.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission amends the Regulatory Timetable as set out in Appendix A of this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of November 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by

D.M. Morton
Panel Chair/Commissioner

Attachment

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AMENDED REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2012)
FortisBC Final Argument	Thursday, November 29
Intervener Replies	Thursday, December 13
FortisBC Final Reply	Friday, December 21