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Re: Project No. 3698376; BCUC Order No. G-63-04
British Columbia Transmission Corporation
Transmission System Capital Plan Application

Dear Mr. Lusztig,

The GSX Concerned Citizens Coalition is pleased to submit its information request in the above-referenced review.

1.0 Vancouver Island 230 kV Supply

Reference: Application; 5.2 Specific Orders Under Subsection 45(6.2)(b) of the Act; Growth Capital Plan; 1. Bulk Transmission System Reinforcements; Vancouver Island 230 kV Supply (p.151): “Only approval of F2005 Definition Phase expenditures.”; Application pp. 105 & 106.

Preamble: At the BC Utilities Commission review of the proposed Vancouver Island Generation Project, Yakout Mansour, then Senior Vice-President of BC Hydro, testified that a reinforcement of electrical transmission to Vancouver Island via sub-sea cables was a preferred solution to the Island’s electricity supply requirements and would be a priority even with the addition of on-Island generation.

In the current BC Utilities Commission review of BC Hydro’s 2004/05 and 2005/06 Revenue Requirements Application (Project No. 3698360; Order No. G-84-03), BC Hydro’s application (pp. 6-51 & 6-52) lists “NITS – Vancouver Island 230 kV Supply” in Table 6-18, characterized as “underway, will be completed during the test periods ...; and planned to start during the test periods ...”

1.1: Has the BC Transmission Corporation definitely decided to proceed with the 230 kV transmission reinforcement to Vancouver Island?

1.2: If not, please discuss the reasons for not having made a decision and indicate when a decision will be reached.

1.3: If a decision has been made to proceed, when will the BCTC file for a CPCN for this project?

1.4: If proceeding with the 230 kV transmission reinforcement to Vancouver Island is contingent on the outcome of BC Hydro's current Call for Tenders for generation on Vancouver Island, please detail the effects the various predictable outcomes (including amounts of generation obtained) of the Call for Tenders would have on the nature and timing of the 230 kV transmission reinforcement.

Sincerely,

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