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BCTC_VITR Exhibit A-3

Mr. Gary Holman
Area Director for Salt Spring Island
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Dear Mr. Holman:

Re: BC Transmission Corporation ("BCTC")
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application –
Transmission System Capital Plan and
Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement ("VITR") Project

By letter dated May 18, 2005 you requested registration as an Intervenor "in BCUC's Capital Planning process regarding BCTC's Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project" (Exhibit C2-1 in the VITR proceeding). The Commission registered you as Area Director for Salt Spring Island, Capital Regional District, as an Intervenor in the VITR proceeding.

On June 3, 2005 you submitted questions "regarding BCTC's capital planning process, specifically with respect to the Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project" (Exhibit C2-2 in the VITR proceeding). By correspondence dated July 26, 2005 the Commission received your "Final Submission Re BCTC Capital Plan Application: Vancouver Island Reinforcement Project (VITRP)" (Exhibit C2-3 in the VITR proceeding). Neither of these submissions were copied to BCTC or other Participants. The Commission's Document Filing Protocols for Intervenor/Interested Parties require that an Intervenor provide a copy of all submissions to all other Participants (i.e. the Commission, Applicant and other Intervenor).

Although both documents refer to the BCTC Transmission System Capital Plan ("Capital Plan"), they specifically address the VITR project. BCTC notes in its July 29, 2005 letter (Exhibit B-4) that neither submission was provided directly to BCTC or posted as a Capital Plan exhibit, and consequently, BCTC did not

address them in the Capital Plan proceeding. BCTC submits that both submissions are best dealt with in the VITR proceeding. Since the BCTC Capital Plan seeks approval of only post-2005 Definition Phase expenditures for the VITR project and the two submissions were not provided to BCTC in a timely fashion, the Commission confirms that the two submissions are not considered to be filings in the Capital Plan proceeding and that they are included as Exhibits C2-2 and C2-3 in the VITR proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

Robert J. Pellatt

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cc: Mr. Marcel Reghelini, Director, Regulatory Affairs
British Columbia Transmission Corporation