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VIA E-MAIL

August 9, 2005

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TO: British Columbia Transmission Corporation
Registered Intervenor/Interested Parties

Re: British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC")
Project No. 3698395/Order No. G-70-05
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application –
Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project

Commission Order No. G-70-05 dated August 4, 2005 established the Procedural Conference that was held on August 4, 2005 to consider the regulatory process and schedule for review of an application filed by BCTC pursuant to section 45 of the Utilities Commission Act for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for a capital project to reinforce the transmission system serving Vancouver Island and the Southern Gulf Islands. This letter addresses issues raised at the Procedural Conference and encloses Order No. G-72-05 that establishes the Regulatory Timetable for this proceeding.

The oral public hearing will be held in the Commission's Homer Street Hearing Room at 855 Homer Street, Vancouver, BC and will commence on November 23, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. Town Hall meetings will also be held with locations to be established following the Pre-hearing Conference, and a notice of the Town Hall meetings will be published. In response to requests made during the Procedural Conference, the Commission Panel will inspect certain portions of the transmission line corridor. Participants will be advised of the portions of the transmission line corridor that were inspected by the Commission Panel.

The Commission Panel concludes that it is not necessary for the Panel to provide further direction to the Participants regarding scope beyond what may be concluded from a reading of the Application and the Utilities Commission Act. During the course of the review, it may be necessary for the Panel to make decisions with respect to scope, and such decisions may be made regarding issues raised by Participants.

During the Procedural Conference, Sea Breeze Pacific Regional Transmission System, Inc. ("Sea Breeze") stated that it would file a CPCN application for an alternative project prior to the end of September 2005, assuming a date coincident with Intervenor Evidence (T1: 89). If Sea Breeze files a CPCN Application and desires to have it reviewed in this proceeding, then Sea Breeze should file the CPCN Application as soon as possible, and no later than the end of September 2005. Participants should assume that information requests to Sea Breeze will be due on October 17, 2005, assuming Sea Breeze files either a CPCN Application or Intervenor Evidence.

A Pre-hearing Conference is to be held on Monday, October 17, 2005. The purpose of the Pre-hearing Conference may include consideration of:

1. Consolidation of Sea Breeze's CPCN Application.
2. Town Hall Meeting format, locations, and notices.

3. Other process and scope issues.

Sea Breeze is requested to file any motion(s) that it desires to be considered at the Pre-hearing Conference by October 12, 2005. Other participants will then be given an opportunity at the Pre-hearing Conference to comment on any motion(s) filed by Sea Breeze.

Participants who want issues included within the scope of this proceeding that have been the subject of prior Commission Decisions, including the need for new supply to Vancouver Island and the date for zero rating the HVDC system for planning purposes, are encouraged to identify those issues in writing by October 12, 2005. The Commission Panel may then decide following the Pre-hearing Conference whether or not those issues will be included within the scope of this proceeding. Other participants will then be given an opportunity at the Pre-hearing Conference to comment on any motion(s) filed by Sea Breeze.

For the purposes of filing of participant funding budgets, 15 proceeding days should be assumed by Participants.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

Robert J. Pellatt

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Enclosure

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

and

An Application by British Columbia Transmission Corporation
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project

BEFORE: R.H. Hobbs, Chair
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner August 9, 2005
L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. By application dated July 7, 2005, the British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") requested that the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") grant a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project ("VITR") to reinforce the electric transmission system serving Vancouver Island and the Southern Gulf Islands (the "Application"); and
- B. The VITR consists of a new 67 kilometer 230 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line between South Delta and North Cowichan that will replace an existing 138 kV line, plus certain upgrading of the second existing 138 kV line; and
- C. BCTC proposes to construct the new 230 kV line entirely within the existing 138 kV right-of-way, and to place underground 3.7 km of the new 230 kV line in the community of Tsawwassen ; and
- D. The VITR is estimated to cost \$245 million, and is scheduled to be in service by October 2008; and
- E. In the Application, BCTC also requests approval, contingent upon confirmation of external funding, to underground the VITR in public streets and/or to advance the underground replacement of the second 138 kV line in the Tsawwassen area; and
- F. The Commission held a Procedural Conference on August 4, 2005 to hear submissions on the regulatory process for the review of the Application; and
- G. At the Procedural Conference, Sea Breeze Pacific Regional Transmission System, Inc. ("Sea Breeze") advised that it may file a CPCN application for an alternative transmission project; and

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H. The Commission considers that an oral hearing should be established for the Application.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. An oral public hearing to review the Application will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2005 on the Second Floor, 855 Homer Street, Vancouver, BC. The Regulatory Agenda for the hearing is established as set out in Appendix A to this Order.
2. A Pre-hearing Conference regarding the regulatory process for the review of the Application will be held on Monday, October 17, 2005 commencing at 9:00 a.m. on the Third Floor, 855 Homer Street, Vancouver, BC.
3. Town Hall Meetings will be held at locations that will be established after the Pre-hearing Conference.
4. Participant Funding/Cost Award Budgets will be filed with the Commission by Friday, September 16, 2005.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of August 2005.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert H. Hobbs
Chair

Attachment

**British Columbia Transmission Corporation (“BCTC”)
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”)
Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project (“VITR”)**

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2005)
BCTC Response to BCUC Information Request No. 1	Friday, August 26
BCUC Information Request No. 2 and Intervenor Request No. 1	Wednesday, September 7
Intervenor and Interested Party Registration	Friday, September 16
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Budgets	Friday, September 16
BCTC Responses to Information Requests	Tuesday, September 27
Intervenor Evidence	Friday, October 7
Pre-hearing Conference	Monday, October 17
BCUC and Participant Information Requests to Intervenors	Monday, October 17
Intervenor Responses to Information Requests	Wednesday, November 2
Staff issue Hearing Issues List	Monday, November 7
Opening Oral Submissions	Wednesday, November 9
BCTC Consolidation of Hearing Issues List	Thursday, November 10
Town Hall Meeting	Saturday, November 12
Panel issues Hearing Issues List	Wednesday, November 16
Town Hall Meeting	Saturday, November 19
Public Hearing commences	Wednesday, November 23