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**VIA E-MAIL**

August 29, 2005

**BCTC – VITR Exhibit A-11**

TO: British Columbia Transmission Corporation  
Registered Intervenors

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

By letter dated August 9, 2005 (Exhibit A-6) the Commission encouraged participants who want issues included within the scope of this proceeding that have been the subject of prior Commission Decisions, including the date for zero rating the HVDC system for planning purposes, to identify those issues by October 12, 2005 for consideration at the Pre-hearing Conference (“PHC”) to be held on October 17, 2005. By letter dated August 22, 2005 (Exhibit C3-12) TRAHVOL requests that the zero rating of the HVDC system for planning purposes be included within the scope of the proceeding. The purpose of this letter is to comment on the process for consideration of TRAHVOL’s request, and to identify the implications of the request for the regulatory process steps that are scheduled to occur prior to a decision regarding the TRAHVOL request.

The Commission Panel is of the view that material evidence since the closing of the evidentiary portion, July 3, 2003, of the Vancouver Island Generation Project proceeding (Commission Decision dated September 8, 2003) regarding the HVDC system that supports a later date than 2007 for zero rating the HVDC system for planning purposes will be relevant to the scope decision. Further, there may be other pertinent facts or issues regarding the HVDC system that may be relevant to the scope decision.

Prior to and on the same day as the PHC, there are four steps in the regulatory timetable that may facilitate discovery regarding the TRAHVOL request: BCUC Information Request No. 2 and Intervenor Request No. 1, BCTC Responses to Information Requests, Intervenor Evidence, and BCUC and Participant Information Requests to Intervenors. For those four steps, the scope of the proceeding will include issues that have been the subject of prior Commission Decisions. Objections, either by BCTC or Intervenors, to responding to information requests

may be made with respect to information requests regarding issues that were the subject of prior Commission Decisions.

The Commission Panel confirms that it expects to make a decision establishing the scope of the proceeding regarding issues that were the subject of prior Commission Decisions, including the TRAHVOL request, following the PHC. The Commission Panel also confirms that at any time during this proceeding participants may make requests, by letter, for the Commission to direct respondents to provide further information than made available in responses to information requests.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by:*

Robert J. Pellatt

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