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SECTION 5
TRANSMISSION INQUIRY EXHIBIT A-14

To: Long-Term Transmission Inquiry Participants

Re: British Columbia Utilities Commission
Project No. 3698545/Order G-30-09
Inquiry into British Columbia's Long-Term Transmission Infrastructure

Funding of Participant Assistance/Cost Awards (PACA)

In its letter dated May 5, 2009, the Commission Panel inquiring into British Columbia's Long-Term Transmission Infrastructure stated that it would entertain requests for interim awards and requested that budget estimates be submitted by May 22, 2009 to include costs related to preparation and participation in the Inquiry up to June 24, 2009. The letter stated that interim awards would be made as deemed appropriate by the Commission Panel upon application by the participant after June 24, 2009. At the Procedural Conference held on June 24, 2009, the Panel Chair, in her opening remarks, noted that not all applications for interim funding to date were final or complete, and suggested the following schedule for reviewing the interim cost award requests:

Submission of final requests for funding up to the June 24 Procedural Conference	July 3
Requests to the utilities for comment	July 6
Comments from the utilities	July 20

Counsel for the B.C. Sustainable Energy Association *et al* ("BCSEA") submitted that there should be an opportunity for a PACA applicant to view and respond to the comments made on its PACA Application by the utilities. Such an opportunity is not normally provided to those requesting participant assistance under the Commission's PACA Guidelines ("Guidelines"). BCSEA's request was supported by Energy Solutions for Vancouver Island Society *et al*. FortisBC opposed the idea stating that the Guidelines were developed with an eye towards various kinds of proceedings before the Commission and should be applied in this Inquiry unless extraordinary circumstances arise. No other participant took a position on the request.

The Commission has considered the matter and concluded that as the Guidelines are only guidelines, it will allow a participant an opportunity to respond to the utilities' comments on the participant's cost award request. Therefore, the Commission is establishing the following schedule for submitting and reviewing applications for participant assistance for the period to June 24, 2009.

Submission of final requests for funding up to the June 24, 2009 Procedural Conference (including appropriate documentation such as receipts for expenditures).	July 3
Requests to the utilities for comment	July 6
Comments from the utilities	July 20
Reply comments, if any, from participants	July 27

Participants requesting participant assistance for the remainder of the Inquiry, and who have not already done so are requested to file their budgets by August 14, 2009. Participants who have not filed requests for interim awards for the period from the start of the Inquiry until June 24, 2004 may file participant assistance budgets that include costs incurred since the start of the Inquiry.

Yours truly,

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