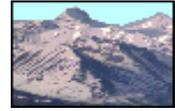


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EXHIBIT C11-9

February 8, 2013

Submitted via E-mail

Erica Hamilton - Commission Secretary
British Columbia Utilities Commission
Box 250 – 900 Howe Street – Sixth Floor
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Dear Ms. Hamilton,

**Re: FortisBC Inc. Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project
Intervenor Request 3**

As a registered intervenor, in reviewing the response by FortisBC Inc., exhibit B-23, and in considering prior detailed commentary on the AMI PLC solution, I would like to inquire:

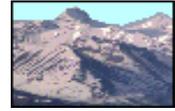
1. On page 2, 7.2.4 Other Communication Technologies, FortisBC Inc. presented that, "Utilities have been using phone lines and fibre optic protocols for many years." I would like to understand why, as additional known alternatives and other than simply considering "low cost solutions", fibre optic data collection, ADSL style phone line communications, and cable data transmission networks that already exist are not being utilized?
2. I believe from the RF AMI solution evidence already presented to date that the required data information to be transmitted and received is relatively minimal. Fibre optics networks, for example, support, in my view, bandwidths far greater than any RF distribution network. Why do you suggest that the bandwidth is not adequate in these proven alternate methods using direct connections to various required servers?
3. Telus has supported ADSL phone line communications in our area for years. Why would you not consider residential data collection via existing similar networks that could be consolidated, perhaps, into more remote area hubs from which you could utilize wireless transmission in a manner that would not subject home users to RF exposure?
4. Is cost, as mentioned in your exhibit B-23, the single determining factor for an AMI solution? Are you attempting to minimize any risk factors that may be present in an RF distribution solution simply to reach a low-cost solution?
5. It would seem to me that the specific business case for this region could have multiple solutions. How is it that generalized comments such as, "the North American System" and "popular in North American markets" apply to the specific service area in which we live where you prefer to propose the RF solution?
6. You demonstrate in exhibit B-23, page 5, table 1, that widely variable per-meter costs have been accepted by various commissions in many locations and, one would assume, via the public process. Do you have any reservations about your BCUC application

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undertaking that applying for a wired public solution to avoid unproven risk factors and existing public controversy at a slightly higher cost would be or would have been problematic?

Sincerely,

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