From the Office of the Office Administrator

April 5, 2011

BC Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Box 250
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Attention: Ms. Erica M. Hamilton
Commission Secretary

Dear Ms. Hamilton,

We are writing in response to the FortisBC Inc., Residential Inclining Block Rate Application, in particular the proposed regulatory agenda. The timelines outlined are fairly short and in our opinion do not provide for an adequate response time.

We suggest the following changes:

1) Registration of Interveners and submission of participant funding budgets, Friday April 8th, 2011.
   The provision of a two week time frame would allow parties time to review the application and prepare a funding budget.

2) Intervener Information Request No. 1 to FortisBC, April 21, 2011
   It would be helpful if this date was changed to a time frame after the FortisBC Responses
to Commission Information Request No.1 (May 13, 2011). The responses provided may
address similar concerns we may have, or generate follow-up information requests.

We recommend extending the process rather than compressing some schedules. This would provide all parties adequate time to respond.

Yours truly,

Heather Grant
Nelson Hydro Office Administrator

c: Dennis Swanson, Director, Regulatory Affairs

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