Erica Hamilton
Commission Secretary
British Columbia Utilities Commission

Re: Fortis BC AMI CPCN

Letter of Comment Re Fortis BC AMI CPCN

Re: Request for Temporary Dispensation from Meter Reverification

The Measurement Canada website Completed Consultations (http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/mc-mc.nsf/eng/h_lm00213.html) lists two utilities BC Hydro and Medicine Hat Utility that ask Measurement Canada to grant a temporary dispensation from meter reverification in expediting the installation of smart meters.

Could Fortis BC please inform the public if it will be asking for a temporary dispensation from meter reverification to install smart meters should their application be approved.


Request for Temporary Dispensation from Meter Reverification

2011-05-16

Under the provisions of subsection 9(2) of the Electricity and Gas Inspection Act, the President of Measurement Canada has received a request to grant a temporary dispensation from meter reverification. In consideration of this request, interested parties may make representation with regard to the following information, as provided by the applicant:

Meter Owner/Contractor

BC Hydro and Power Authority
333 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver, BC
V6B 5R3

Description of Meters Identified for Temporary Dispensation
• 463,662 Compliance Sample Meters comprised of 187 groups due in 2011 and 2012
• 1,859 Self Contained Demand Meters due in 2011 and 2012
• 27,099 Self Contained Energy Only Meters due in 2011 and 2012
• 5,040 Transformer Type Meters due in 2011 and 2012

Duration of Temporary Dispensation

2011/12/31 to 2013/12/31

Reason for Request

BC Hydro and Power Authority has indicated that they are seeking temporary dispensation to assist them in expediting the installation of smart meters in support of the requirements of the BC Clean Energy Act.

Proposed Meter Performance Assurance Program

BC Hydro and Power Authority has submitted an application for temporary permission from verification and sealing of electricity meters due in 2011 and 2012, which will address the following criteria:

• Ensures that the integrity and accuracy of electricity meters are maintained
• Provides objective evidence to support a decision to keep electricity meters in service without re-verifying the subject meter types, models and/or groups of meters; and
• Provides a plan that will include conditions to mitigate the risk of inaccurate meter remaining in service

Invitation of Representation

Interested parties may submit representations with regard to this temporary dispensation request until June 20, 2011:

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Request for Temporary Dispensation from Meter Verification (Medicine Hat Electric Utility)

2011-08-25

Reason for Request

Medicine Hat Electric Utility is seeking temporary dispensation to assist in mass deployment of smart meters within time lines set by the Province of Alberta.

Proposed Meter Performance Assurance Program
Medicine Hat Electric Utility has submitted an application for temporary permission from verification and sealing of electricity meter due in 2012 - 2013, which addresses the following criteria:

1. ensures that the integrity and accuracy of electricity meters are maintained;
2. provides objective evidence to support a decision to keep electricity meters in service without reverifying the subject meter types, models and/or groups of meters; and,
3. provides a plan that will include conditions to mitigate the risk of inaccurate meters remaining in service.

Thank you.

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