



**BC Transmission Corporation Receives Top Safety Award From
The Canadian Electricity Association**

OTTAWA, NOVEMBER 23 — During an awards ceremony held on Parliament Hill last night, the BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC) received the Gold President's Award of Excellence for Employee Safety from the Canadian Electricity Association (CEA).

The Gold Award is the highest level of recognition available from the CEA and honours a member utility that ranks within the top quartile of their grouping for both All Injury/Illness Frequency and Lost-Time Severity rates for three or more consecutive years.

According to Julius Pataky, BCTC's Vice President of System Planning and Asset Management, "BCTC plans, manages and operates over 18,000 KM of transmission lines which carry electricity to homes and businesses across BC. Ensuring the safety of the grid, which is the backbone of BC's electrical system, is one of our highest priorities. The President's Award of Excellence recognizes BCTC's commitment to improving the safety of our employees, partners, and the public."

Pataky attributes BCTC's record to its innovative Safety First program that puts a large emphasis on employee training and education about safety. Pataky went on to say, "BCTC received this award because we strive to meet the highest standards for safety performance. For us, this goal is a key component of being an industry and business leader."

The Canadian Electricity Association is the national association of the Canadian electricity industry. Its members ensure reliable electricity service to Canadians from coast to coast. The CEA awards ceremony paid tribute to the electrical industry's dedication to safety and honoured the utilities that have distinguished themselves as leaders in this important area.

The President's Award of Excellence is based on the results of CEA's Annual Safety Incident Statistics Report for 2005. BCTC was one of four CEA member companies from across Canada who were acknowledged for superior safety performance in 2005.

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