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SECTION 5
TRANSMISSION INQUIRY EXHIBIT A-7

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

In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the above noted Inquiry, enclosed is Commission Order G-47-09 establishing the dates for the second Workshop and Procedural Conference as June 18 and 24, respectively, as well as a Preliminary Inquiry Schedule for the remainder of the Inquiry.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

Erica M. Hamilton

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Enclosure



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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

An Inquiry into British Columbia's Electricity Transmission Infrastructure
and Capacity Needs for the Next 30 Years

BEFORE: L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner
and Panel Chair
D.A. Cote, Commissioner
M.R. Harle, Commissioner
R.K. Ravelli, Commissioner

May 4, 2009

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 5(4) of the *Utilities Commission Act* ("UCA" or "Act") provides that the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("Commission") must conduct an inquiry ("Inquiry") to make determinations with respect to British Columbia's infrastructure and capacity needs for electricity transmission for the period ending 20 years after the day the inquiry begins, or a different period if so specified by terms of reference issued by the Minister responsible for administration of the Hydro and Power Authority Act ("Minister"); and
- B. On December 11, 2008, the Minister issued Terms of Reference for the Inquiry which identify that the general purpose of the Inquiry is for the Commission to make determinations with respect to British Columbia's electricity transmission infrastructure and capacity needs for a 30-year period commencing from the date the Inquiry begins; and
- C. The Terms of Reference direct, in part, that the Commission must publish the draft report on its determinations on or before June 30, 2010; and
- D. The Terms of Reference further direct the Commission to invite and consider submissions, evidence and presentations from any interested person, including, without limitation, First Nations, communities, municipal and regional governments, other utilities, power producers, ratepayer groups and environmental non-governmental organizations; and
- E. The Terms of Reference provide that the Commission may make use of procedures to resolve specific issues within the Terms of Reference, including as the Commission considers appropriate, workshops, mediations,

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dispute resolution mechanisms, pre-hearing conferences, working groups and oral and written public hearings; and

- F. By Order G-30-09, the Commission established a Preliminary Workshop on April 17, 2009 for participants to discuss issues related to the Terms of Reference and the process to be used for the Inquiry, and a Procedural Conference on April 27, 2009 to discuss and hear submissions on Inquiry procedures and timing; and
- G. The Commission has considered the submissions from the Procedural Conference on Inquiry procedures and timing; and
- H. The Commission has determined that a Procedural Conference on Inquiry issues and scoping is necessary, and that a Preliminary Inquiry Schedule is to be established.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A Procedural Conference on Inquiry issues and scoping will take place on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC.
2. A Preliminary Inquiry Schedule for the remainder of the Inquiry is attached as Appendix A to this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of May 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara
Commissioner

Attachment

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and Capacity Needs for the Next 30 Years**

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY SCHEDULE

ACTION	DATES (2009)
Commission Staff paper distributed on Issues and Scoping	May 21
Participants provide written comments on staff paper	June 11
Workshop on Inquiry Issues and Scoping	June 18
Procedural Conference on Inquiry Issues and Scoping	June 24
BC Transmission Corp.(BCTC), BC Hydro (BCH), Fortis BC Inc. (Fortis) prepare base data on domestic demand, export demand and potential, generation potential by region, protected areas, and the transmission system. Initial scenarios will also be prepared together with the transmission implications of those scenarios	May/August
Filing of the information prepared above	September 18
Workshops on each topic and further scenario development	September/October
Regional Sessions (dates & locations to be determined)	October/November
Procedural Conference on scoping, scenarios and scheduling	Late October
Filing of Submissions by BCTC, BCH, Fortis (including BCH peak & energy forecast)	Late November
Workshop to identify information "gaps"	Early December
Information Requests to BCTC, BC Hydro and FortisBC (limited and focused)	Mid December

ACTION	DATES (2010)
Responses to Information Requests by the Utilities	Early January
Submissions by other Participants followed by Information Requests and Responses (limited and focused)	Mid January - Late February
Oral Public Hearing commences	Early March
Filing of Final Comments, followed by Reply to the Final Comments of others one week later	Late April
Draft Inquiry Report published and distributed for comment	Late June