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21.0 Reference: 2005 REAP, p 2-34

1.21.0 "BC Hydro has requested that BCTC preserve the earliest in-service date for the 230 kV AC submarine transmission (ARN-VIT) cables."

What is BC Hydro's understanding of the current earliest in-service date (month and year)?

**RESPONSE:**

**BC Hydro's understanding of the current earliest in-service date for the 230 kV AC submarine transmission (ARN-VIT) cables is October 2008, as indicated on page 52 of the BCTC's "Transmission System Capital Plan F2006 to F2015" that was submitted to the BCUC on March 23, 2005.**

**As noted at hearing for the Vancouver Island Call For Tender (CFT), for planning purposes BC Hydro is assuming that the 230 kV cables will not be in-service until March 2009 at the earliest. In its Reasons for Decision approving the EPA, the BCUC concluded that it is prudent to base any planning and economic analysis on an in-service date of March 2009, or later, for the 230 kV cable.**