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January 4, 2008

**FORTISBC INC.**  
**AMI PROJECT**

**EXHIBIT A-1**

Mr. David Bennett  
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs & General Counsel  
Regulatory Affairs Department  
FortisBC Inc.  
1290 Esplanade  
PO Box 130  
Trail, BC V1R 4L4

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Re: FortisBC Inc.  
Project No. 3698493/Order No. G-1-08  
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application  
for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project

Further to your December 19, 2007 application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project, enclosed is Commission Order No. G-1-08 establishing a Written Public Hearing and Regulatory Timetable.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erica M. Hamilton".

Erica M. Hamilton

CMS/dlf  
Enclosure

**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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

and

An Application by FortisBC Inc.  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project

**BEFORE:** R.H. Hobbs, Chair

January 3, 2008

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On December 19, 2007 FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") applied (the "Application") to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") Project (the "Project"); and
- B. FortisBC states that the Project is estimated to cost \$31.3 million and will enhance customer service and result in operational savings; and
- C. The Project consists of replacing all existing FortisBC meters with AMI-enabled meters and implementing AMI throughout FortisBC's service territory; and
- D. The Project is scheduled to commence in 2008 and to be completed by the end of 2010; and
- E. The Commission considers that a written public hearing is required for the regulatory review of the Application.

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**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

1. A written public hearing process for review of the Application, and establishes the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A.
2. FortisBC shall publish, as soon as possible, in display-ad format, the Notice of Application and Written Public Hearing Process, attached as Appendix B, in sufficient newspapers in the FortisBC service area to adequately inform the public of the Project.
3. Intervenors and Interested Parties should register with the Commission, in writing or electronic submission, by Friday, February 8, 2008.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4 day of January 2008.

BY ORDER



Robert H. Hobbs  
Chair

Attachments

**FortisBC Inc.**  
**for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**  
**for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project**

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE (2008)</b>
Commission Information Request No. 1	Tuesday, January 29
Intervenor Information Requests No. 1	Tuesday, February 5
Registration of Intervenors and Interested Parties	Friday, February 8
Intervenor Participant Assistance Budgets	Thursday, February 14
FortisBC Responses to Information Requests No. 1	Tuesday, February 26
Commission and Intervenor Information Requests No. 2	Wednesday, March 5
FortisBC Responses to Information Requests No. 2	Wednesday, March 19
FortisBC Final Submission	Wednesday, March 26
Intervenor Final Submission	Friday, April 4
FortisBC Reply Submission	Friday, April 11



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**APPENDIX B**  
to Order No. G-1-08  
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for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN")  
for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
AND  
WRITTEN PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS**

**THE APPLICATION**

On December 19, 2007 FortisBC applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") for approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (the "Application") for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project (the "AMI Project").

The AMI Project consists of replacing all FortisBC meters with remotely-read meters. The new meters are expected to enable innovative rate structures in support of the 2007 Energy Plan. The new meters are also expected to eliminate the use of estimates and increase the accuracy of customer bills.

The total cost of the AMI Project is estimated at \$31.3 million, and is scheduled to commence in 2008 and to be completed by the end of 2010.

**INTERVENTIONS**

Persons who expect to actively participate in the FortisBC proceeding should register as Intervenors with the Commission in writing, no later than Friday, February 8, 2008. Intervenors are requested to identify their interest in the Application. Intervenors will each receive a copy of the Application and all correspondence and filed documentation in accordance with the Commission's Document Filing Protocols.

Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the proceeding, should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by the same date. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Executive Summary in the Application and the Commission's Decision when issued.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the general public relating to the Application will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's web site at [www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com).

The Commission Panel in a proceeding may award costs for participation, pursuant to the Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines, under Section 118 of the Act. The Guidelines are available at [www.bcuc.com/Guidelines.aspx](http://www.bcuc.com/Guidelines.aspx). Participants intending to apply for participant assistance must file a budget by Thursday, February 14, 2008.

## **PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS**

The Application and supporting materials will be available for inspection at the following locations:

**British Columbia Utilities Commission**

Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street  
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3  
Telephone: 1-800-663-1385

**FortisBC Inc., Head Office**  
1975 Springfield Road, Suite 100  
Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 7V7

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1290 Esplanade  
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## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact Ms. Erica Hamilton, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Don Flintoff, Senior Electrical Engineer, as follows:

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