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November 3, 2008

FORTISBC ~ CPCN – BENVOLIN

SUBSTATION PROJECT

EXHIBIT A-3

Mr. Dennis Swanson
Director, Regulatory Affairs
FortisBC Inc.
Suite 100 – 195 Springfield Road
Kelowna, BC V1Y 7V7

Dear Mr. Swanson:

Re: FortisBC Inc.
Project No. 3698529/Order G-146-08
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Benvoulin Substation Project

Further to the October 28, 2008 Procedural Conference, enclosed is Commission Order G-161-08 establishing a Written Public Hearing, Regulatory Timetable and Notice of Community Input Session with respect to the above noted Application.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

Erica M. Hamilton

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Enclosure

cc: Registered Intevenors



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**ORDER
NUMBER G-161-08**

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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 Benvoulin Substation Project

BEFORE: Liisa A. O'Hara, Commissioner November 3, 2008

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 24, 2008 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 Benvoulin Substation Project (the "Project"); and
- B. FortisBC is proposing the Project as the preferred solution to meet load growth and relieve capacity constraints in the south/central Kelowna area; and
- C. The Project has an estimated capital cost of approximately \$17.7 million and includes the construction of a new substation and the transmission and distribution egress necessary to connect the substation into the existing network; and
- D. The Project is scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2009 and to be completed by the end of 2010; and
- E. By Order G-146-08 dated September 26, 2008, the Commission ordered a Procedural Conference in Kelowna for October 28, 2008, and established an initial Regulatory Timetable; and
- F. The Procedural Conference was held on October 28, 2008 to consider certain procedural matters and to discuss a Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application; and
- G. The Commission has determined that a Written Public Hearing is required for the regulatory review of the Application; and

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H. The Commission has determined that a Community Input Session should be held to provide an opportunity for the public to make presentations to the Commission Panel, providing a sufficient number of persons wish to make presentations.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission establishes a Written Public Hearing for the review of the Application.
2. The Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
3. A Community Input Session will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at the Best Western Inn at 2402 Highway 97 North in Kelowna, B.C., commencing at 6:00 p.m.
4. Parties wishing to make a presentation to the Commission Panel should contact Commission Counsel, Mr. Gordon Fulton, Q.C. at gfulton@boughton.ca or 604-647-4104 on or before Tuesday, November 25, 2008. If fewer than ten presentations are scheduled by November 25, 2008, then the Community Input Session will be cancelled
5. FortisBC shall publish the Notice of the Community Input Session that is attached as Appendix B, in local newspapers in the Kelowna area, as soon as it is possible to do so.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of November 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara
Commissioner

Attachments

FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC")
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application
for the Benvoulin Substation Project

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2008)
Commission Information Request No. 2 and Intervenor Information Request No. 1	Wednesday, November 12
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Budgets	Monday, November 17
FortisBC Responses to Information Requests	Wednesday, November 26
Community Input Session	Tuesday, December 2
FortisBC Final Submission	Friday, December 5
Intervenor Final Submissions	Friday, December 12
FortisBC Reply Submission	Friday, December 19



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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION

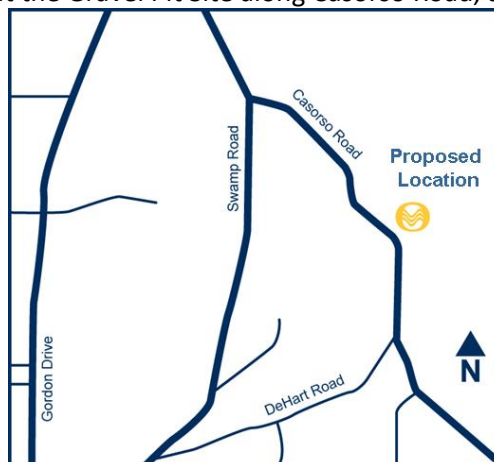
DATE	Tuesday, December 2, 2008
TIME	Commencing 6:00 pm
LOCATION	Best Western Inn 2402 Highway 97 North Kelowna, BC

THE APPLICATION

On September 24, 2008 FortisBC applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (the "Application") for the Benvoulin Substation Project.

FortisBC requests approval to construct a distribution source substation in the south/central Kelowna area together with a transmission line connected to the existing 138 kV 51 Line and the necessary distribution facilities to tie the substation into the existing distribution network. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$17.7 million and will be completed by the end of 2010.

The Application states that the proposed project is the lowest cost alternative to meet the load growth, capacity requirements and backup supply planning criteria for the region. As a result of its public consultation, FortisBC proposes to locate the substation at the Gravel Pit Site along Casorso Road, as shown on the map below.



THE COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION

Commission Order G-161-08 established a written public hearing to review the Application, and a Community Input Session to provide an opportunity to make presentations to the Commission Panel on the Benvoulin Substation Project. Persons who wish to make a presentation to the Commission Panel should contact Commission Counsel, Mr. Gordon Fulton, Q.C. at gfulton@boughton.ca or (604) 647-4104 by Tuesday, November 25, 2008. If by November 25, 2008, fewer than ten presentations are scheduled, then the Community Input Session will be cancelled. Notice of cancellation will be provided to those who register with the Commission Counsel.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the public relating to the Application will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's web site.

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, BC V6Z 2N3 Telephone: 1-800-663-1385

FortisBC Inc., Head Office
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For further information, please contact Ms. Erica M. Hamilton, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Brian Williston, Director, Engineering and Energy Markets, as follows:

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