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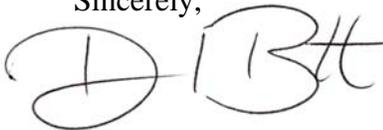
Dear Ms. Hamilton:

***Re: An Application for a CPCN for the Distribution Substation Automation Program  
("the Program")***

Please find enclosed twenty copies of FortisBC Inc.'s ("FortisBC") response to BC Utilities Commission Information Request No. 2.

Further to Exhibit A-4, FortisBC will file Final Argument on Friday, November 30.

Sincerely,



David Bennett  
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs  
and General Counsel

cc: Registered Intervenors

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- 1    **29.0**       **Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**  
2                   **October 12, 2007, A1.3, p. 2**  
3                   **“CMMS is FortisBC’s Computerized Maintenance Management System**  
4                   **that is used to track and schedule maintenance for all major equipment**  
5                   **in the transmission and distribution system. The Application identified**  
6                   **that CMMS could link into the station automation central database but**  
7                   **did not suggest that this was a primary requirement of the Automation**  
8                   **or CMMS projects at this time. The value of transferring data from the**  
9                   **metering system to CMMS would be evaluated separately outside of this**  
10                  **project. The automation Program will collect data considered important**  
11                  **to the maintenance program but will not integrate with CMMS as part of**  
12                  **this project.”**
- 13    **Q29.1**       **Please provide an estimate of the additional cost to link the station**  
14                   **automation central database to the CMMS.**
- 15    A29.1       The detailed estimates requested have not been developed as they are not  
16                   within the present scope of the Automation Program. However, the cost to  
17                   link the two systems would essentially be labour costs of approximately  
18                   \$40,000 to configure the database linkages. No significant additional  
19                   hardware or software would be required.
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- 21    **Q29.2**       **Please provide a listing of benefits and their estimated costs of adding**  
22                   **the link to the CMMS system.**
- 23    A29.2       Please see the response to Q29.1 above.
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- 25    **30.0**       **Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**  
26                   **October 12, 2007, A1.4, p. 2**
- 27    **Q30.1**       **Will the ability to develop user-defined queries be included in the**  
28                   **software package cost or is it an additional extra?**
- 29    A30.1       The ability to develop user-defined queries is included in the base software

1 package price.

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3 **Q30.2 If there is an extra cost for this feature, please provide the estimated**  
4 **cost.**

5 A30.2 Please see the response to Q30.1 above.

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7 **31.0 Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**  
8 **October 12, 2007, A3.3, p. 5**

9 **“FortisBC is currently only upgrading obsolete metering at legacy**  
10 **substations under Station Sustaining capital projects. This involves the**  
11 **partial upgrade of two or three stations per year. In addition to this,**  
12 **protection and communications upgrades would need to be added to**  
13 **the sustaining budget. If the Application is not approved, it is expected**  
14 **that the current practice would be revised to include this additional**  
15 **work. At the present pace, it could take 15 years or more to complete**  
16 **these upgrades. The full benefit that the Program would provide would**  
17 **not be available until that time.”**

18 **Q31.1 If the application is not approved, would FortisBC please estimate the**  
19 **partial benefit that would be achieved per year over the 15 years?**

20 A31.1 As discussed in the responses to BCUC IR1 Q3.3 and Q3.4, generally only  
21 metering upgrades are carried out under the current sustaining capital  
22 budgets. Assuming that the sustaining program budget was increased to  
23 allow the installation of the additional required systems (such as relaying,  
24 RTU and communications installations), the benefits achieved would be  
25 proportional to the number of stations that had the required systems versus  
26 those that did not.

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28 Note that it is difficult to precisely quantify the benefits that a single  
29 installation contributes to the overall Program. Since every substation is

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1 different and tends to have different automation requirements (i.e. load  
2 monitoring to determine if upgrades are required or remote control to reduce  
3 crew downtime) it is somewhat simplistic say that completing a single station  
4 will provide 1/28 of the benefits of the total Program (given that there are 28  
5 stations included in the Program).

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7 **32.0 Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**  
8 **October 12, 2007, A3.5, p. 6**

9 **As the expected life of the proposed field equipment is 15 to 20 years**  
10 **(A2.2) and the server is five years and the software is suspect but**  
11 **probably five to ten years maximum, then at about 15 years into the**  
12 **future, FortisBC would be looking at changing and/or updating all the**  
13 **proposed equipment due to end of life.**

14 **Q32.1 Would FortisBC agree with the above, that suggests doing nothing now,**  
15 **will not necessarily result in higher costs in the future?**

16 A32.1 FortisBC agrees that the scenario as presented above (a bulk replacement of  
17 the equipment after 15 years) may not necessarily result in higher equipment  
18 costs in the future; however, that is not the same as doing nothing now. If the  
19 start of this program was delayed by only a few years then the devices  
20 deployed at that time may be different from those deployed today. This may  
21 result in higher costs due to multiple and different designs as well as training  
22 requirements and spare stock for newer, different devices. Refer also to the  
23 response to BCUC IR1 Q3.5.

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25 **Q32.2 Would FortisBC agree that the technology changes within the next three**  
26 **to five years could result in a more advanced and more defined SCADA**  
27 **system being deployed at that time?**

28 A32.2 FortisBC does agree that technology will continue to advance. However, the  
29 systems that are currently deployed meet all the requirements for today as

1 well as having sufficient spare capacity to build in new functionality as  
2 required. The dilemma of delaying a technological installation in order to wait  
3 for a more advanced system is that there will always be a more advanced  
4 system “just a few years down the road”.

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6 In November 2007, FortisBC upgraded its aging SCADA servers as  
7 previously approved by the Commission in the FortisBC 2007 Capital  
8 Expenditure Plan under the General Plant (Information Systems) – “System  
9 Control SCADA Upgrade”. The new FortisBC SCADA system is fully modern  
10 and has sufficient capacity to last well into the future.

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12 **Q32.3 As cyber-security standards are still being developed, would FortisBC**  
13 **considered it prudent to wait three to five more years before**  
14 **implementing this program?**

15 **A32.3** FortisBC has long been aware of the risks posed by cyber infrastructure and  
16 has implemented security measures starting with the initial installations.  
17 Some measures include: SCADA controlled security switches, virtual private  
18 network (“VPN”) and firewall installations, intrusion alarming and password  
19 protection.

20 Since FortisBC already follows the intent of the NERC CIP standards it is not  
21 felt that there is any additional benefit that would be gained by waiting for the  
22 formal adoption of the standards. Instead, the numerous benefits that the  
23 Program provides would be needlessly delayed.

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25 **33.0 Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**  
26 **October 12, 2007, A4.3, p. 7**  
27 **“As described in response A4.2, FortisBC feels that the performance of**  
28 **the systems has already been well established. The financial**  
29 **performance of the Program, in terms of meeting construction cost**

1           **estimates, would be made available to the Commission for review, if**  
2           **necessary. Note that this review would not include any cost benefits**  
3           **obtained from implementing the program. The only way to accurately**  
4           **measure the cost savings from the Program would be to analyze a**  
5           **selection of outages once the systems have been in place for a number**  
6           **of years.”**

7 **Q33.1    What does FortisBC propose as a benchmark to measure the benefits of**  
8 **this program?**

9 A33.1    FortisBC has considered a number of possible measures to determine the  
10 overall effectiveness of the Program. Some of these are:

- 11           • Direct reliability improvements (i.e. reduction in SAIDI/CAIDI)
- 12           • Reduction of travel costs (reduced crew vehicle usage)
- 13           • Safety improvements (timely notification of critical alarms)
- 14           • Improved operating efficiency (reduced recloser tagging costs)
- 15           • Identification of system losses

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17           The Company feels that all of the above aspects will be positively impacted  
18           by automation. However, in some cases it is difficult to confirm that the  
19           Program either did or did not have an effect as each of the above items are  
20           stochastic and have many confounding variables. Each area is further  
21           discussed as follows:

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23           1. Direct reliability improvements

24           Clearly, the Program will result in a reduction in outage durations for many  
25           customers. This is due to the fact that, at the present time, there are 17  
26           distribution substations that have no remote visibility from the FortisBC SCC.  
27           As a result, outages must first be reported to the call centre for the system  
28           dispatchers to become aware of an outage. Appropriate crews are then

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1            dispatched to patrol the area and determine the scope of the outage. Once  
2            the problem is located and repaired, the crews must then travel back to the  
3            station to re-energize the feeder. If instead the system dispatchers had  
4            remote visibility to alert them of a feeder outage a number of different  
5            outcomes could occur:

- 6            • The SCC dispatcher could remotely close (“test”) the feeder to  
7            determine if the problem was transient. If the feeder did not trip again  
8            the outage would end at that point.
- 9            • If the feeder tripped again crews could be immediately dispatched  
10           without having to wait for customer calls.
- 11           • When the fault is repaired the line crews could request the SCC to  
12           remotely close the feeder to restore the customers.

13           Each of these would contribute to reducing customer outage durations  
14           (especially given that most of the stations are in rural/remote areas). Thus,  
15           one measure could be to look for a reduction in outage durations.

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17           The difficulty in quantifying this reliability benefit is that there are many other  
18           factors that affect feeder outage durations. Some examples are:

- 19           • Weather – in any given year there will be greater or fewer storms than  
20           predicted by the past averages. Some storms could also be localized  
21           and reduce reliability in some areas of the system whereas other areas  
22           could enjoy better than average reliability.
- 23           • System improvements – infrastructure upgrades such as pole and  
24           conductor replacement will provide local improvements in reliability  
25           compared to historical averages.
- 26           • Crew availability – depending on the location and scope of outages the  
27           travel time to repair faults could be significant.

28           Each of the above will produce random variations from year-to-year and will  
29           either appear to reduce or enhance the benefit provided by the Program.

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1            Thus, while an overall improvement in system reliability is expected, the  
2            Company feels that it is not possible to judge the effectiveness of the  
3            Program solely by year-over-year comparison of reliability statistics.

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5            2. Reduction of travel costs (reduced crew vehicle usage)

6            As with the previous item, crew travel is expected to be reduced by the  
7            Program. This is because workers will not have to travel between the  
8            substation and repair locations to perform switching. As well, travel to  
9            substations will not be required to turn off automatic reclosers when issuing  
10           “Guarantee of Non-Reclose” (“GNR”) permits to other crews.

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12           Similar to the previous issue however, tracking travel distance is problematic.  
13           Depending on the nature and scope of outages different amounts of travel are  
14           always required. Diligent recording and logging of vehicle odometers would  
15           be required and these readings would have to be manually entered into a  
16           database for future analysis. Thus, FortisBC does not feel that this would be  
17           an appropriate measure.

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19           3. Safety improvements (timely notification of critical alarms)

20           Another possible measure is to determine how many high priority alarms were  
21           resolved more quickly by the advanced indication that the Program would  
22           provide. For example, rather than waiting for a month end cycle to determine  
23           that a station battery charger or trip coil has failed, remote indication would  
24           provide an immediate annunciation of the alarm to the FortisBC SCC.

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26           Generally, it is not possible to determine how much advance notice of the  
27           alarm was provided because without the automation systems it is impossible  
28           to know when the initial failure occurred. As well, depending on the  
29           performance of the substation systems there will be greater or fewer numbers

1 of equipment failures in any given location. The Automation Program will not  
2 be able to directly influence the number of failures that occur, only the  
3 response time to resolve them.

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5 However, notwithstanding the previous discussion, it would be possible for  
6 FortisBC to provide a year-end report to the Commission listing significant  
7 substation alarms (if any) that occurred at substations included in the  
8 Program. This report would provide a summary of the event(s) and describe  
9 the expected improvement in response time that resulted.

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11 4. Improved operating efficiency (reduced recloser tagging costs)  
12 By allowing the FortisBC SCC to remotely enable and disable automatic  
13 reclosers, it is expected that there will be a reduction in labour costs  
14 associated with line work and brushing. This could be tracked by totaling and  
15 reporting the number of remotely-operated GNRs that are issued in a given  
16 year at the substation locations included in the Program.

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18 As well, existing data exists for comparison purposes hence it would not be  
19 necessary to delay the Program to acquire baseline data. It should be noted  
20 that another utility (Newfoundland Power) successfully used the reduction in  
21 recloser tagging costs as the prime justification for their substation automation  
22 program.

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24 5. Identification of system losses

25 As described in the response to Q34.2 below, the Program, in combination  
26 with a future Advanced Metering Infrastructure project, would allow  
27 identification of transmission and distribution system losses. The Company  
28 would be able to track and report system loss trends on a per-line and per-  
29 feeder basis.

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2 In summary, the Company would be able to report on three areas of expected  
3 quantifiable benefits:

- 4 1. A summary report of substation alarms, their outcome and response time;  
5 2. A report of the number of GNR permits issued by remote-control;  
6 3. A system loss analysis report.

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8 **Q33.2 Currently, does FortisBC have the cost-to-restore the outages over the**  
9 **last five years and would five years of data be sufficient to provide a**  
10 **benchmark for this program?**

11 A33.2 No, currently FortisBC does not specifically track the cost-to-restore outages.  
12 Please also refer to the response to BCUC IR1 Q24.1 in which it has been  
13 indicated that: *“FortisBC Inc. does not specifically track statistics on capital*  
14 *and operating expenditures related to forced outages.”*

15  
16 It is difficult to specify absolutely at the present moment whether or not five  
17 years of data would be sufficient to provide a benchmark for this program.  
18 However, such database is expected to identify an emerging trend as a result  
19 of the Automation Program which will then be able to define the data  
20 sufficiency / insufficiency as a benchmark for this program.

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22 **Q33.3 What additional performance issues would FortisBC encounter by**  
23 **delaying the program until sufficient benchmark data can be**  
24 **established and performance reported on an annual basis; and how**  
25 **long would this take to develop this benchmark data?**

26 A33.3 While it is not expected that system performance would be expected to suffer  
27 if the Program was delayed, the numerous benefits listed in the application  
28 would also not be achieved. Refer also to the response to Q34.2 below.

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1 **Q33.4 Does FortisBC propose any other performance based targets that could**  
2 **be used to monitor the effectiveness of this program?**

3 A33.4 Please see the response to Q33.1 above.  
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5 **34.0 Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**  
6 **October 12, 2007, A7.3, p. 13**

7 **“FortisBC is currently in discussions with a utility industry security**  
8 **consultant (N-Dimension Solutions) to develop a more formal plan and**  
9 **mitigation measures for substation communications assets.”**

10 **Q34.1 Would FortisBC please provide an estimated completion date for the**  
11 **above mentioned formal plan and mitigation measures?**

12 A34.1 The discussions that are taking place with the consultant are to ensure that  
13 FortisBC is fully aware of all potential security issues related to SCADA  
14 communications. Developing the formal plan will mainly be a process of  
15 documenting the de-facto standards that FortisBC already applies. The plan  
16 should be completed by Q2 of 2008. If any capital upgrades are required to  
17 improve security, these will be identified in a future Capital Expenditure Plan  
18 filing.

19 **Q34.2 Would FortisBC consider it prudent to delay the program until the**  
20 **results of a more formal plan and mitigation measures for substation**  
21 **communications assets are available? If not, why not?**

22 **A34.2** No. The Company believes it would be useful to reiterate the Program  
23 justification and how it fits into the longer term picture for the benefit of  
24 Intervenors and the Commission.

25  
26 Introduction

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28 As has been previously stated, the Distribution Substation Automation  
29 Program (the “Program”) includes the installation of automated systems in

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1 distribution substations to gather and analyze data so that decisions can be  
2 made more quickly and effectively to reduce operational costs, and prevent  
3 and aid in the restoration of power outages. The Program will enable remote  
4 operating and automated load and quality metering of all substations in the  
5 system thus improving reliability and power quality for customers. Finally,  
6 public and employee safety risk along with equipment damage risk will be  
7 reduced by providing immediate indication of critical substation alarms.

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9 The following discussion provides further clarification of four areas of the  
10 Program, specifically, the financial impact, linkage to other Company  
11 systems, the benefits associated with stakeholder requests from recent  
12 regulatory proceedings, consistency with the current BC Energy Plan and  
13 Government policy.

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15 1. Financial Impact

16  
17 In Table 5 and Section 3.5 of the Application, the Program identified annual  
18 cost savings of approximately \$590,000 which results in a low rate impact of  
19 0.05% to customers. These savings consist of conservative and quantifiable  
20 benefits that could be attributed directly to the Program. It should be noted  
21 that, of the twelve benefits identified in Table 5, four were assigned monetary  
22 values. The remaining benefits represented other areas that could result in  
23 cost savings, but at the time of filing it was not deemed appropriate to assign  
24 a value to these categories. If the estimated annual cost saving is increased  
25 to \$830,000, then both the Program NPV and rate impact go to zero. Thus, if  
26 an incremental cost savings of only \$240,000 per year can be quantified, then  
27 the net impact to the customer is zero.

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29 By far, the largest opportunity yet to be attributed to the Program is with

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1            respect to the measurement and confirmation of current losses and the  
2            identification of future system loss reductions. This benefit was excluded  
3            from the financial analysis as the Company did not expect to have all the  
4            information required to accurately measure and detect distribution losses  
5            (which typically represent 50-60% of overall system losses). This was  
6            because the Program only proposes the installation of metering at the  
7            substation level. To accurately measure distribution losses it is necessary to  
8            also have complete information at the end-point or customer level. This  
9            difference between the energy leaving each substation feeder and the sum of  
10           the connected customer load would provide an accurate measure of losses  
11           for each feeder. At the time of filing it was not clear that this end-point  
12           metering would be in place and thus this benefit could not be tracked.  
13           However, since that time it is apparent from stated Government policy that  
14           automated customer metering of some form will be required in the near  
15           future.

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17           The Application estimated that each 1.0% (absolute) loss reduction  
18           represents potentially \$2.4 million in annual savings to customers for which  
19           no credit was applied to the NPV analysis of the current Application. Over  
20           recent years, the Company has continually reported reductions in system  
21           losses that have resulted in over \$2.0 million of reduced annual power supply  
22           costs (to the benefit of the customer). If the Program is able to identify  
23           projects that result in a loss savings of only 0.1% per year, then the additional  
24           savings (approximately \$240,000) would result in the program NPV going to  
25           zero (as described above). Loss reductions beyond 0.1% identified by the  
26           Program would have a further positive financial benefit for the customer.  
27           Since a reduction of losses by 0.1% is conservative, the Company has  
28           recalculated the NPV on the basis of assuming an annual savings of  
29           \$790,000 compared to the previous value of \$590,000. The revised NPV

1 calculation is attached as Appendix 34.2.

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3 Put another way, the metering component of the Program would provide one  
4 more reference point to enable the Company to determine if distribution  
5 system upgrades of the some 100 plus system distribution feeders would  
6 further reduce the system losses and thus power supply costs for a positive  
7 financial benefit to the customer. This benefit is greatly enhanced with  
8 Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) for which the Company intends to file  
9 a CPCN application. The AMI project has a similar implementation plan, and  
10 as identified in Section 4 below, is expected to be required by the provincial  
11 government in the near future. It is important to note that neither the Program  
12 nor AMI by itself can provide the information to accurately assess system  
13 losses at the distribution feeder level. However, if both systems are in place  
14 (i.e. the distribution metering at the substation and AMI real-time metering at  
15 the end customer) then actual losses can be measured on both an almost  
16 instantaneous and annual basis. These losses could then be regularly  
17 tracked at the distribution feeder level. Neither project by itself will reduce  
18 losses; rather, they will provide valuable information to assess if system  
19 upgrade projects are warranted to capture these losses for the benefit of the  
20 customer.

## 21 22 2. Linkage to Other Company Systems

23  
24 As described above, the Company intends to file a CPCN application for AMI  
25 with the communications technology either being Power-Line Carrier or Radio  
26 Frequency. In addition to the benefits expected from a system loss reduction  
27 perspective, there are also potential communication synergies that could  
28 reduce the capital cost of the AMI project dependent on the communication  
29 medium chosen.

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Additionally, the data collection software to be installed will use “open protocols” for flexibility to allow it to be linked to other corporate databases and systems. In terms of providing information to other FortisBC systems, there are potential synergies to be gained by linking the Program to the following:

- Real-time outage reporting system
- Dispatch tools
- Reliability monitoring system
- Power-quality metering system
- SCADA system
- Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS)
- Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

Some of the above systems and tools are not currently used by FortisBC, but many other utilities are implementing them today. The Company will also be evaluating the benefits to be gained from installing these systems; the Program would provide one more source of information to obtain maximum benefits from these other systems.

### 3. Regulatory Proceeding Requests

Through information requests associated with recent substation CPCN Application, such as the Big White, East Osoyoos (Nk'Mip) , and Ootischenia projects, and the Company’s 2008 Revenue Requirements Application (2008 RRA), the Company believes there is an expectation to improve the quality and type of information that it provides to aid in decision making. It is apparent that stakeholders and the Commission are requesting this additional information which the Company is generally unable to provide without the

1 systems to be installed by the Program.

2  
3 In almost all CPCN Applications since 2005 that involved the construction of a  
4 new substation, the Commission has requested annual load profile data for  
5 the local area. The Company has been unable to provide this information in  
6 the absence of modern substation metering. Since it is the legacy  
7 substations that are becoming more likely to require upgrades or replacement  
8 due to load growth, it is important to proactively install this metering at older  
9 substations so that accurate and optimal planning and regulatory decisions  
10 can be made in the future.

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12 During the Company's 2008 RRA, it became apparent that the Commission is  
13 also becoming more interested in reactive power ("var") management to  
14 ensure that the costs of remediation measures are minimized and fairly  
15 allocated to the appropriate parties. The Program would directly support this  
16 initiative by providing a complete load and var profile of each feeder in the  
17 FortisBC system. This data could be analyzed to determine which feeders  
18 have less than ideal power factor and hence require infrastructure upgrades  
19 or customer power factor correction. A more focused analysis could then be  
20 made to determine if specific customers need to install reactive compensation  
21 equipment.

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23 During the same proceeding, both the Commission and intervenors  
24 challenged the Company's system loss calculation and had high and  
25 increasing expectations of reducing system losses to ensure an efficient  
26 system thus minimizing power supply costs to customers.

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28 In the absence of the Program and the associated information that will be  
29 obtained, these improvements are either not available or significantly limited

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1 in scope.

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3 4. Consistency with BC Energy Plan and Government Policy

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5 Although not specifically identified and quantified in the Application, the basic  
6 metering and automation planned under the Program provides the building  
7 block and foundation for the evolution of the system to support a number of  
8 initiatives referenced in the BC Energy Plan and recent addresses by the  
9 Premier of BC. The BC Energy Plan describes Major Policy Actions related to  
10 environmental leadership, energy conservation and energy efficiency. The  
11 proposed Program provides valuable information and directly supports these  
12 policy actions.

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14 In his September address at the Union of BC Municipalities Annual  
15 Convention, the Premier identified the Government's intent to "legally require  
16 the province to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 33 per cent below  
17 current levels by 2020." In the same speech, he also provided direction for  
18 BC Hydro to increase technology with the installation of Smart Meters and  
19 that the manual read meters would be replaced with these new meters.  
20 Another direction for BC Hydro/BCTC is to "install a new modern, smart  
21 electricity grid that will allow us to take full advantage of the information to  
22 help you save money." What is implied is that information will save energy  
23 and shift consumption from peak times thereby minimizing or reducing costs  
24 for the end customer. As previously mentioned, a 1% saving in energy (or  
25 system losses) equates to a potential annual saving of \$2.4 million. This  
26 Program as contemplated implements the first phase of technology that can  
27 be leveraged further to support these provincial goals.

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29 The Government has a strong commitment to energy efficiency and has set

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1            ambitious targets to acquire 50% of incremental resource needs through  
2            conservation by 2020. A portion of this goal can be met through loss  
3            reductions throughout the transmission and distribution systems. The  
4            Government has been in discussions with FortisBC looking for their input and  
5            support of this goal from a provincial perspective. Given the age of the  
6            FortisBC distribution system, there are opportunities for system upgrades to  
7            reduce losses and create a more energy efficient system in support of this  
8            provincial goal. Distribution metering at the substation level provides one  
9            component of information necessary for this analysis. A full analysis of loss  
10           reduction becomes possible with both distribution metering as proposed in  
11           this Program along with the Advanced Metering Infrastructure project.

12  
13           Additionally, the Program is consistent with the goal of the BC Energy Plan to  
14           implement temperature monitoring of power transformers. By providing  
15           detailed load and temperature information for all distribution substations,  
16           optimal operational and planning decisions can be made. As discussed in the  
17           Application, it may be possible to defer capital expenditures by permitting  
18           safe short-duration transformer overload. The same flexibility will also extend  
19           to real-time operations: by providing the System Control Centre with  
20           instantaneous transformer temperature and load readings, the operators will  
21           be able to make better decisions when faced with peak time overloads. It is  
22           difficult to accurately quantify the financial or reliability savings from any  
23           avoided outages, however there will be a clear benefit to the customer in  
24           terms of system reliability.

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26           Environmental leadership within the BC Energy Plan focuses on a reduction  
27           in greenhouse gases. The Application quantified a financial saving for remote  
28           operation based on a reduction in travel time and field visits by avoiding  
29           manual switching and tagging, but did not mention or quantify the

1 environmental impact associated with this activity. The Program assumes  
2 that on an annual basis 1,800 manually-applied “Guarantee of Non Reclose”  
3 permits could be eliminated. The elimination of the associated travel time of  
4 between 900 and 1,800 hours would effectively eliminate one half to one full-  
5 time use of a vehicle along with a reduction of the associated greenhouse  
6 gases and environmental footprint on an annual basis.

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8 **Summary**

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10 Deferral of the program is inconsistent with both the Premier’s stated goal of  
11 having a “smart grid” concept in place by 2012.

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13 The Program has the following benefits:

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- 15 • Reduces operating and capital costs,
  - 16 • Reduces the duration of customer outages,
  - 17 • Improves safety,
  - 18 • Provides a detailed load and reactive power profiles for all substations  
and feeders,
  - 19 • Allows focused reduction of system losses,
  - 20 • Supports the BC Energy Plan,
  - 21 • Enhances the electrical system by supporting the “smart electricity grid”  
22 concept.
- 23

24 These benefits are projected to result in a zero or positive rate impact for the  
25 customer. In addition, the Program provides more complete, accurate and  
26 timely information to stakeholders, the Commission and the Company on  
27 which to base decisions for the benefit of customers.

28  
29 **35.0 Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**

- 1                   **October 12, 2007, A7.5, p. 14**
- 2                   **“Application of the NERC Reliability Standards (including the CIP Cyber**
- 3                   **Security Standards) is not currently mandatory in British Columbia.**
- 4                   **FortisBC is working with other utilities in British Columbia to determine**
- 5                   **how these standards should be implemented within the BC regulatory**
- 6                   **framework.”**
- 7 **Q35.1**       **Would FortisBC consider it prudent to delay the program until the**
- 8                   **results of how these standards should be implemented within the BC**
- 9                   **regulatory framework are available, required and understood? If not,**
- 10                  **why not?**
- 11 A35.1        Please see the response to Q32.2 above.
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- 13 **36.0**        **Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**
- 14                   **October 12, 2007, A8.2, p. 15**
- 15                   **“The Joe Rich Substation is not listed as it was identified as a specific**
- 16                   **issue and is currently being upgraded under a previously approved**
- 17                   **2007 Communications Sustaining capital project.”**
- 18 **Q36.1**       **What is the total current value for communications and automation**
- 19                   **protection and communications rehabilitation in the previously**
- 20                   **approved 2007 Communications Sustaining capital project?**
- 21 A36.1        Please find the requested data in the table below:

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	COMMUNICATION PROJECTS 2007	2007-APPROVED BUDGETARY LIMITS					
		Unloaded Cost	AFUDC	Capitalized Overhead	Direct Overhead	Loaded Total	Cost of Removal
<b>1.0</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION GROWTH</b>						
1.1	Dist Sub Automation - 2007	1,649	110	131	109	1,999	0
1.2	Trail-Oliver Hi Cap Comm. (Kettle Valley Proj.)	1,180	108	94	78	1,459	0
	<b>TOTAL COMMUNICATION GROWTH</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>3,458</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION SUSTAINING</b>						
2.1	Harmonic Remediation	85	0	7	6	97	0
2.2	Protection Upgrades	816	0	65	54	935	40
2.3	Fault Locating	128	0	10	8	147	0
2.4	Communication Upgrades	265	0	21	18	304	40
	<b>TOTAL COMMUNICATION SUSTAINING</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>80</b>

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3 **Q36.2 What is the total current value for communications and automation**  
4 **protection and communications rehabilitation in the proposed 2008**  
5 **Communications Sustaining capital project?**

6 A36.2 Please find the requested data in the table below:

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	COMMUNICATION PROJECTS 2008	2008-APPROVED BUDGETARY LIMITS					
		Unloaded Cost	AFUDC	Capitalized Overhead	Direct Overhead	Loaded Total	Cost of Removal
<b>1.0</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION GROWTH</b>						
1.2	Dist Sub Automation - 2008	1,663	60	156	121	2,000	0
	<b>TOTAL COMMUNICATION GROWTH</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION SUSTAINING</b>						
2.1	Harmonic Remediation	87	0	8	6	101	0
2.2	Protection Upgrades	620	0	58	45	723	40
2.3	Fault Locating	132	0	12	10	154	0
2.4	Communication Upgrades	94	0	9	7	110	10
	<b>TOTAL COMMUNICATION SUSTAINING</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>50</b>

1 **Q36.3** **Would FortisBC confirm that there is no overlap between this program**  
2 **and the approved 2007 and proposed 2008 Communications Sustaining**  
3 **capital project requirements?**

4 A36.3 Confirmed. There is no overlap.

5  
6 **37.0** **Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**  
7 **October 12, 2007, A11.1 to A11.5, pp. 17-19**

8 **Q37.1** **As the CMMS is not planned to communicate to the SCADA system,**  
9 **how does FortisBC record the meter readings now and how will**  
10 **FortisBC record the meter readings after the proposed program**  
11 **implementation?**

12 A37.1 Monthly readings are currently entered into the CMMS manually. Once the  
13 data historian server is in place and operational, the two systems could be  
14 linked to automatically exchange the required data. However, this linkage  
15 would not be within the scope of the Automation Program.

16  
17 **Q37.2** **As the CMMS is not planned to communicate to the SCADA system,**  
18 **how does FortisBC generate work orders and notify staff of unusual**  
19 **conditions now and how will FortisBC generate work orders and notify**  
20 **staff of unusual conditions after the proposed program**  
21 **implementation?**

22 A37.2 The CMMS program generates work orders based on standard maintenance  
23 cycles adjusted in conjunction with condition assessment information,  
24 equipment test results and available operational information. The Automation  
25 Program is not intended at this time to generate notifications or work orders  
26 via the CMMS platform.

1 **Q37.3** **What is the estimated cost to provide these features that are not**  
2 **considered to be a primary requirement for the automation project and**  
3 **what is the cost and value of integration with the CMMS that will be**  
4 **evaluated at a future time?**

5 A37.3 There has been no benefit/cost evaluation done for integration with CMMS,  
6 so the requested estimate is not available. This investigation will be carried  
7 out as part of the CMMS implementation.

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9 **38.0** **Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**  
10 **October 12, 2007, A18.3, p. 31**

11 **Q38.1** **Does FortisBC consider the link of the CMMS and SCADA as a benefit to**  
12 **the maintenance planning group that could have significant paybacks?**

13 A38.1 In general, establishing links between databases is beneficial as it permits the  
14 exchange of data that may not be available otherwise. It can also reduce the  
15 collection of redundant information by multiple systems. However, the  
16 determination of the benefits to the CMMS is outside the scope of this  
17 Application.

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19 **39.0** **Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**  
20 **October 12, 2007, A15.1, p. 22**

21 **“In the case of substation automation, utilities have begun prioritizing**  
22 **their substation requirements, installing IEDs in newly constructed and**  
23 **rebuilt substations first before moving on to other high priority**  
24 **locations. Our analysts report that transmission substations have been**  
25 **cited by utility personnel as taking priority over distribution**  
26 **substations, undoubtedly to support new requirements for upgrading**  
27 **network interconnect monitoring and switching functions.” (Appendix**  
28 **A15.1, p. 7)**

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1           **“Distribution automation projects remain the smallest category of**  
2           **reported projects.” (Appendix A15.1, p. 7)**

3   **Q39.1    Would FortisBC please separate the costs so that one can distinguish**  
4           **between transmission and distribution substations?**

5   A39.1    The study in Appendix A15.1 does not provide a specific breakdown of the  
6            expenditures for distribution versus transmission substations. Note that  
7            FortisBC has substantially completed the automation of the Company’s  
8            transmission stations and thus the proposed Program is in line with the  
9            paragraph cited above.

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11           It should also be clarified that “distribution automation” as cited from Appendix  
12            A15.1 page 7 (“the smallest category”) is referring to automation of field  
13            distribution devices located outside of the substation fence. This is not the  
14            type of automation that is being proposed in this application.

15  
16   **Q39.2    As the application of the NERC Reliability Standards (including the CIP**  
17           **Cyber Security Standards) is not currently mandatory in British**  
18           **Columbia, does FortisBC believe that there is a need to meet pressures**  
19           **from NERC and FERC to improve network reliability and strengthen**  
20           **utility network interconnects at this time?**

21   A39.2    FortisBC has already substantially completed the automation of the  
22            Company’s transmission stations and thus the proposed Program is not being  
23            driven by interconnection reliability issues.

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25   **40.0    Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**  
26           **October 12, 2007, A19.1, p. 31**

27           **“The ability to reconfigure circuits does depend somewhat on manually**  
28           **operated devices located outside of the substation fence. Upgrading**  
29           **these devices for remote operation is not currently within the scope of**

1                   **this program.”**

2   **Q40.1     Would FortisBC please elaborate on the above statement?**

3       **Q40.1.1   What are these devices that need to be upgraded?**

4           A40.1.1   The type of devices referred to in response A19.1 are distribution  
5                   feeder manual switching devices located in the field. Typical examples  
6                   include:

- 7                   •     Gang-operated load break (“GOLB”) switches
- 8                   •     Padmount switching cubicles or vacuum fault interrupters (“VFI”)
- 9                   •     Distribution circuit reclosers

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11       **Q40.1.2   What is the estimated total cost for this upgrade?**

12           A40.1.2   Cost estimates for remote control of field devices have not been  
13                   developed. Costs will vary depending on the whether the device is  
14                   already provisioned for electrical operation and on the type of  
15                   communications equipment required.

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17       **Q40.1.3   Are these transmission devices or substation devices?**

18           A40.1.3   As discussed in response A40.1.1, the devices cited are distribution  
19                   field devices.

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21   **Q40.2     If FortisBC has not included these devices in the scope of this program,**  
22                   **how did FortisBC plan on obtaining funding for their upgrade?**

23   A40.2     The costs and benefits of extending remote control to distribution field  
24                   devices would be identified in a future Capital Expenditure Plan filing.

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26   **41.0     Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**  
27                   **October 12, 2007, A25.2, p. 39**

28                   **“As discussed in section 4.5 of the Application, the Program will**  
29                   **provide advanced indication by providing real-time indication of alarms**

1           **to the FortisBC System Control Centre. Rather than waiting until a**  
2           **month-end cycle check to determine the presence of critical alarm,**  
3           **immediate action can be taken to correct the problem.”**

4   **Q41.1    Please confirm that FortisBC does not use a common alarm at the**  
5           **substation to confirm the presence of a critical alarm.**

6   A41.1   Confirmed – FortisBC present practice is to provide detailed individual alarms  
7           to the System Control Centre

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9   **42.0    Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**  
10           **October 12, 2007, Q26.8, p. 43**

11           **“The Application indicates that FortisBC total system losses are**  
12           **estimated to be 9.5 percent: this situation would suggest that by**  
13           **installing substation automation equipments there may be a reduction**  
14           **in total system losses.”**

15   **Q42.1    Would FortisBC please explain how this program will reduce system**  
16           **losses and how much of a reduction would be expected from the**  
17           **implementation of this program and the estimated value of this**  
18           **reduction?**

19   A42.1   Referring to a similar question from the BCOAPO, IR1 Q1.2, monitoring  
20           individual distribution loads provides the data to evaluate optimal switching  
21           which would result in reduced overall system losses. However, without the  
22           current coincidental individual feeder load or end-point customer information  
23           to refine the models there is no means to estimate the potential savings.  
24           Refer also to the response to BCUC IR2 Q34.2 above.

25   **43.0    Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, FortisBC Response to BCUC IR No. 1 dated**  
26           **October 12, 2007, A27.1, p. 44**  
27           **“No option or risk analysis has been performed for the Program. The**  
28           **only alternative is the “do-nothing” option which has been rejected due**

1           **to the large number of benefits that would be achievable by**  
2           **implementing the Program.”**

3   **Q43.1   As no option or risk analysis has been performed for the Program, does**  
4           **FortisBC propose that the cost of doing nothing is zero? If not, why**  
5           **not?**

6   A43.1   FortisBC is of the opinion that the opportunity cost of the known but  
7           unquantified benefits would be forgone if the Program was not implemented.  
8           Please refer to the response to Q34.2.

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10   **44.0    Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, Responses to Commission Information**  
11           **Requests No. 1, Q2.1, p. 3 and Q26.5, p. 42**

12           **“The expected lifespan of the server hardware is five years.”**

13   **Q44.1   Please re-run Appendix A26.1 to include server hardware replacements**  
14           **every five years in accordance with the response in A2.1. Please also**  
15           **include in the re-run Appendix A26.1 the replacement assets from**  
16           **Appendix A26.5.**

17   A44.1   Please see Appendix A44.1 attached.

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19   **45.0    Reference: Exhibit No. B-2, Responses to Commission Information**  
20           **Requests No. 1, Q26.2, p. 40**

21   **Q45.1   Please provide copy of July 2007 Consensus Economics forecast that**  
22           **reflects the numbers presented in Forecast 2008.**

23   A45.1   The July 2007 Consensus Economics forecast cannot be provided due to  
24           copyright. The report is available to subscribers at  
25           [www.consensuseconomics.com](http://www.consensuseconomics.com). FortisBC’s return on capital will be  
26           approved as part of its 2008 Revenue Requirements Application.

**FortisBC Inc.**  
**Capital Project Analysis**  
**Distribution Substation Automation Program**

**Option:1**

Line No.	Year: Reference	1 Dec-07	2 Dec-08	3 Dec-09	4 Dec-10	5 Dec-11	6 Dec-12	7 Dec-13	8 Dec-14	9 Dec-15	10 Dec-16	11 Dec-17	12 Dec-18	
<b>Summary</b>														
<b>Revenue Requirements</b>														
1	Operating Expense (Incremental)	Line 60	0	10	25	45	(92)	(94)	(96)	(98)	(100)	(102)	(104)	(106)
2	Depreciation Expense	Line 65	0	0	32	119	204	294	345	306	267	227	186	145
3	Carrying Costs	Line 72	0	20	92	194	291	360	344	271	201	132	65	0
4	Income Tax	Line 85	0	(32)	(124)	(209)	(249)	(230)	(94)	55	151	210	244	260
5	Total Revenue Requirement for Project		0	(2)	25	149	153	331	500	535	519	467	392	299
6	Net Present Value of Revenue Requirement		10.00%		0									
<b>Rate Impact</b>														
7	Forecast Revenue Requirements		209,300	219,817	240,023	255,139	272,208	287,690	293,400	299,300	305,300	311,400	317,600	324,000
8	Rate Impact		0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.06%	0.06%	0.12%	0.17%	0.18%	0.17%	0.15%	0.12%	0.09%
	Annual Incremental Rate Impact over previous year		0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.05%	0.00%	0.06%	0.06%	0.01%	-0.01%	-0.02%	-0.03%	-0.03%
9	NPV of Project / Total Revenue Requirements		0.00%											
<b>Regulatory Assumptions</b>														
10	Equity Component		40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%
11	Debt Component		60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%
12	Equity Return		8.77%	9.02%	9.02%	9.02%	9.02%	9.02%	9.02%	9.02%	9.02%	9.02%	9.02%	9.02%
13	Debt Return		6.40%	6.43%	6.43%	6.43%	6.43%	6.43%	6.43%	6.43%	6.43%	6.43%	6.43%	6.43%
<b>Capital Cost</b>														
14	Bell Terminal			24								0	0	
15	Castlegar			345										
16	Duck Lake			131										
17	Fruitvale			42										
18	Glenmore			125										
19	Hollywood			375										
20	Keremeos			54										
21	Summerland			89										
22	Beaver Park				152									
23	Blueberry				140									
24	OK Mission				383									
25	Osoyoos				122									
26	Playmor				183									
27	Saucier				37									
28	Valhalla				91									
29	Westminster				140									
30	Christina Lake					180								
31	Glenmerry				186									
32	Hedley				348									
33	Salmo				155									
34	Trout Creek				223									
35	West Bench				286									
36	Huth					190								
37	Passmore					139								
38	Sexsmith					272								
39	Slocan City					95								
40	Stoney Creek					291								
41	Tarrys					348								
42	Data Server hardware & software		140	33	0	0								
43	Initial engineering, estimating, procurement		462											
44	Capital Cost Subtotal		462	1,324	1,281	1,378	1,336							
45	Contingency (10%)		46	132	128	138	134							
46	AFUDC		18	0	0	0	0							
47	Cumulative Project Cost Subtotal		526	1,983	3,392	4,908	6,378							
48	Estimated Annual Capital Savings					(629)	(641)	(654)	(667)	(681)	(694)	(708)	(722)	
49	Total Cash Outlay in Year		526	1,456	1,409	1,516	841	(641)	(654)	(667)	(681)	(694)	(708)	
50	Cumulative Cash Outlay		526	1,983	3,392	4,908	5,749	5,108	4,454	3,786	3,106	2,412	1,704	
51			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
52	Cumulative Project Cost		526	1,983	3,392	4,908	5,749	5,108	4,454	3,786	3,106	2,412	1,704	
53	Additions to Plant		0	526	1,456	1,409	1,516	841	(641)	(654)	(667)	(681)	(694)	
54	Cumulative Additions to Plant		0	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	5,749	5,108	4,454	3,786	3,106	2,412	
55	CWIP		526	1,456	1,936	3,499	4,233	4,267	5,095	4,441	3,773	3,092	2,398	
56	Total Annual Savings (80% Capital 20% Operating)						786	802	818	834	851	868	885	
<b>Annual Operating Costs / (Savings)</b>														
57	Estimated Cost Savings					(157)	(160)	(164)	(167)	(170)	(174)	(177)	(181)	
58	Communications - Leased Line Costs			10	20	40	60	61	62	64	65	66	68	
59	Software Maintenance Costs				5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	
60	Total Incremental Operating Costs (Savings)		0	10	25	45	(92)	(94)	(96)	(98)	(100)	(102)	(104)	
	(Forecast inflation rate 2%)													
<b>Depreciation Expense</b>														
61	Opening Cash Outlay		0	0	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	5,749	5,108	4,454	3,786	3,106	
62	Additions in Year	Line 53	0	526	1,456	1,409	1,516	841	(641)	(654)	(667)	(681)	(694)	
63	Cumulative Total		0	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	5,749	5,108	4,454	3,786	3,106	2,412	
64	Depreciation Rate - composite average		6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	
65	Depreciation Expense		0	0	32	119	204	294	345	306	267	227	186	
<b>Net Book Value</b>														
66	Gross Property	Line 54	0	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	5,749	5,108	4,454	3,786	3,106	2,412	
67	Accumulated Depreciation		0	0	(32)	(151)	(354)	(649)	(993)	(1,300)	(1,567)	(1,794)	(1,981)	
68	Net Book Value		0	526	1,951	3,241	4,554	5,100	4,114	3,154	2,219	1,311	431	
<b>Carrying Costs on Average NBV</b>														
69	Return on Equity		0	9	45	94	141	174	166	131	97	64	31	
70	Interest Expense		0	10	48	100	150	186	178	140	104	68	34	
71	AFUDC		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
72	Total Carrying Costs		0	20	92	194	291	360	344	271	201	132	65	
<b>Income Tax Expense</b>														
73	Combined Income Tax Rate		33.00%	31.50%	31.00%	31.00%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	
<b>Income Tax on Equity Return</b>														
74	Return on Equity	Line 69	0	9	45	94	141	174	166	131	97	64	31	
75	Gross up for revenue (Return / (1- tax rate))		0	14	65	136	202	251	239	189	139	92	45	
76	Less: Income tax on Equity Return		0	4	20	42	62	76	73	58	43	28	14	
77	Net Income (equal return on equity)		0	9	45	94	141	174	166	131	97	64	31	
<b>Income Tax on Timing Differences</b>														
78	Depreciation Expense	Line 92	0	0	32	119	204	294	345	306	267	227	186	
79	Less: Capital Cost Allowance		0	79	353	677	912	992	725	313	21	(188)	(338)	
80	Total Timing Differences		0	(79)	(321)	(558)	(709)	(698)	(380)	(6)	246	415	524	
81	Income Tax on Timing Differences		0	(25)	(100)	(173)	(216)	(213)	(116)	(2)	75	127	160	
82	Before Tax Revenue Requirement [=Line 52/(1-tax)]		0	(36)	(144)	(251)	(311)	(306)	(167)	(3)	108	182	230	
85	Total Income Tax	Lines 76 + 82	0	(32)	(124)	(209)	(249)	(230)	(94)	55	151	210	244	
<b>Capital Cost Allowance</b>														
86	Opening Balance - UCC		0	0	447	1,551	2,284	2,887	2,736	1,370	403	(285)	(778)	
87	Additions to Plant		0	526	1,456	1,409	1,516	841	(641)	(654)	(667)	(681)	(694)	
88	Subtotal UCC		0	526	1,904	2,960	3,800	3,728	2,095	716	(264)	(966)	(1,472)	
89	Capital Cost Allowance Rate		30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	
90	CCA on Opening Balance		0	0	134	465	685	866	821	411	121	(86)	(233)	
91	CCA on Capital Expenditures ( 1/2 yr rule)		0	79	218	211	227	126	(96)	(98)	(100)	(102)	(104)	
92	Total CCA		0	79	353	677	912	992	725	313	21	(188)	(338)	
93	Ending Balance UCC		0	447	1,551	2,284	2,887	2,736	1,370	403	(285)	(778)	(1,135)	

A44.1a) Includes server hardware replacements every five years in accordance with the response in A2.1.

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Line No.	Year:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	Reference	Dec-07	Dec-08	Dec-09	Dec-10	Dec-11	Dec-12	Dec-13	Dec-14	
<b>Summary</b>										
<b>Revenue Requirements</b>										
1	Operating Expense (Incremental)	Line 59	0	10	25	45	(53)	(54)	(55)	(56)
2	Depreciation Expense	Line 64	0	0	32	119	204	294	354	325
3	Carrying Costs	Line 71	0	20	94	197	295	372	367	306
4	Income Tax	Line 85	0	(33)	(130)	(208)	(248)	(237)	(112)	26
5	Total Revenue Requirement for Project		0	(3)	21	153	198	375	554	602
6	Net Present Value of Revenue Requirement		10.00%	1,234						
<b>Rate Impact</b>										
7	Forecast Revenue Requirements		209,300	226,200	244,100	249,000	254,000	259,100	264,300	269,600
8	Rate Impact		0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.06%	0.08%	0.14%	0.21%	0.22%
	Annual Incremental Rate Impact over previous year		0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.05%	0.02%	0.07%	0.06%	0.01%
9	NPV of Project / Total Revenue Requirements		0.05%							
<b>Regulatory Assumptions</b>										
10	Equity Component		40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%
11	Debt Component		60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%
12	Equity Return		8.77%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%
13	Debt Return		6.40%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%
<b>Capital Cost</b>										
14	Bell Terminal			24						
15	Castlegar			345						
16	Duck Lake			131						
17	Fruitvale			42						
18	Glenmore			125						
19	Hollywood			375						
20	Keremeos			54						
21	Summerland			89						
22	Beaver Park				152					
23	Blueberry				140					
24	OK Mission				383					
25	Osoyoos				122					
26	Playmor				183					
27	Saucier				37					
28	Valhalla				91					
29	Westminster				140					
30	Christina Lake					180				
31	Glenmerry					186				
32	Hedley					348				
33	Salmo					155				
34	Trout Creek					223				
35	West Bench					286				
36	Huth						190			
37	Passmore						139			
38	Sexsmith						272			
39	Slocan City						95			
40	Stoney Creek						291			
41	Tarrys						348			
42	Data Server hardware & software							54	13	
43	Initial engineering, estimating, procurement		462	140	33	0	0			
44	Capital Cost Subtotal		462	1,324	1,281	1,378	1,336	0	54	13
45	Contingency (10%)		46	132	128	138	134	0	5	1
46	AFUDC		18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Cumulative Project Cost Subtotal		526	1,983	3,392	4,908	6,378	6,378	6,437	6,451
48	Estimated Annual Capital Savings						(472)	(481)	(491)	(501)
49	Total Cash Outlay in Year		526	1,456	1,409	1,516	998	(481)	(432)	(487)
50	Cumulative Cash Outlay		526	1,983	3,392	4,908	5,906	5,424	4,993	4,506
51			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	Cumulative Project Cost		526	1,983	3,392	4,908	5,906	5,424	4,993	4,506
53	Additions to Plant		0	526	1,456	1,409	1,516	998	(481)	(432)
54	Cumulative Additions to Plant		0	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	5,906	5,424	4,993
55	CWIP		526	1,456	1,936	3,499	4,390	4,427	5,474	4,938
<b>Annual Operating Costs / (Savings)</b>										
56	Estimated Cost Savings						(118)	(120)	(123)	(125)
57	Communications - Leased Line Costs			10	20	40	60	61	62	64
58	Software Maintenance Costs				5	5	5	5	5	6
59	Total Incremental Operating Costs (Savings)		0	10	25	45	(53)	(54)	(55)	(56)
(Forecast inflation rate 2%)										
<b>Depreciation Expense</b>										
60	Opening Cash Outlay		0	0	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	5,906	5,424
61	Additions in Year	Line 53	0	526	1,456	1,409	1,516	998	(481)	(432)
62	Cumulative Total		0	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	5,906	5,424	4,993
63	Depreciation Rate - composite average		6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%
64	Depreciation Expense		0	0	32	119	204	294	354	325
<b>Net Book Value</b>										
65	Gross Property	Line 54	0	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	5,906	5,424	4,993
66	Accumulated Depreciation		0	0	(32)	(151)	(354)	(649)	(1,003)	(1,328)
67	Net Book Value		0	526	1,951	3,241	4,554	5,257	4,421	3,664
<b>Carrying Costs on Average NBV</b>										
68	Return on Equity		0	10	46	95	143	180	178	149
69	Interest Expense		0	10	48	101	152	191	189	158
70	AFUDC		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
71	Total Carrying Costs		0	20	94	197	295	372	367	306
<b>Income Tax Expense</b>										
72	Combined Income Tax Rate		33.00%	32.50%	32.00%	31.00%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%
<b>Income Tax on Equity Return</b>										
73	Return on Equity	Line 68	0	10	46	95	143	180	178	149
74	Gross up for revenue (Return / (1 - tax rate))		0	14	67	138	206	259	256	214
75	Less: Income tax on Equity Return		0	5	21	43	63	79	78	65
76	Net Income (equal return on equity)		0	10	46	95	143	180	178	149
<b>Income Tax on Timing Differences</b>										
77	Depreciation Expense		0	0	32	119	204	294	354	325
78	Less: Capital Cost Allowance	Line 92	0	79	353	677	912	1,016	789	415
79	Total Timing Differences		0	(79)	(321)	(558)	(709)	(721)	(434)	(90)
80	Income Tax on Timing Differences		0	(26)	(103)	(173)	(216)	(220)	(132)	(27)
81	Before Tax Revenue Requirement [=Line 52/(1-tax)]		0	(38)	(151)	(251)	(311)	(317)	(191)	(39)
85	Total Income Tax	Lines 75 + 81	0	(33)	(130)	(208)	(248)	(237)	(112)	26
<b>Capital Cost Allowance</b>										
86	Opening Balance - UCC		0	0	447	1,551	2,284	2,887	2,869	1,599
87	Additions to Plant		0	526	1,456	1,409	1,516	998	(481)	(432)
88	Subtotal UCC		0	526	1,904	2,960	3,800	3,885	2,388	1,168
89	Capital Cost Allowance Rate		30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%
90	CCA on Opening Balance		0	0	134	465	685	866	861	480
91	CCA on Capital Expenditures ( 1/2 yr rule)		0	79	218	211	227	150	(72)	(65)
92	Total CCA		0	79	353	677	912	1,016	789	415
93	Ending Balance UCC		0	447	1,551	2,284	2,887	2,869	1,599	753

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Line No.	Year:	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	Reference	Dec-15	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-18	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24	Dec-25	Dec-26	
<b>Summary</b>														
<b>Revenue Requirements</b>														
1	Operating Expense (Incremental)	Line 59	(57)	(58)	(59)	(61)	(62)	(63)	(64)	(66)	(67)	(68)	(70)	(71)
2	Depreciation Expense	Line 64	300	270	240	208	177	(57)	(537)	(564)	(575)	(587)	(526)	(593)
3	Carrying Costs	Line 71	248	188	130	73	20	(23)	(42)	(43)	(44)	(42)	(42)	(46)
4	Income Tax	Line 85	117	178	214	233	236	145	(50)	(45)	(37)	(36)	(5)	(26)
5	Total Revenue Requirement for Project		607	578	524	454	372	3	(693)	(718)	(724)	(733)	(643)	(736)
6	Net Present Value of Revenue Requirement		10.00%											
<b>Rate Impact</b>														
7	Forecast Revenue Requirements		275,000	280,500	286,100	291,800	297,600	303,600	309,700	315,900	322,200	328,600	335,200	341,900
8	Rate Impact		0.22%	0.21%	0.18%	0.16%	0.12%	0.00%	-0.22%	-0.23%	-0.22%	-0.22%	-0.19%	-0.22%
	Annual Incremental Rate Impact over previous year		0.00%	-0.01%	-0.02%	-0.03%	-0.03%	-0.12%	-0.22%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%	-0.02%
9	NPV of Project / Total Revenue Requirements													
<b>Regulatory Assumptions</b>														
10	Equity Component		40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%
11	Debt Component		60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%
12	Equity Return		9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	
13	Debt Return		6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	
<b>Capital Cost</b>														
14	Bell Terminal				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Castlegar													
16	Duck Lake													
17	Fruitvale													
18	Glennmore													
19	Hollywood													
20	Keremeos													
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36	Huth													
37	Passmore													
38	Sexsmith													
39	Slocan City													
40	Stoney Creek													
41	Tarrys													
42	Data Server hardware & software		0	0	0	60	14	0	0	0	66	16	0	0
43	Initial engineering, estimating, procurement		0	0	0	60	14	0	0	0	66	16	0	0
44	Capital Cost Subtotal		0	0	0	60	14	0	0	0	66	16	0	0
45	Contingency (10%)		0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	7	2	0	0
46	AFUDC		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Cumulative Project Cost Subtotal		6,451	6,451	6,451	6,517	6,533	6,533	6,533	6,533	6,605	6,623	6,623	6,623
48	Estimated Annual Capital Savings		(511)	(521)	(532)	(542)	(553)	(564)	(575)	(587)	(599)	(611)	(623)	(635)
49	Total Cash Outlay in Year		(511)	(521)	(532)	(476)	(537)	(564)	(575)	(587)	(599)	(611)	(623)	(635)
50	Cumulative Cash Outlay		3,995	3,474	2,942	2,466	1,929	1,365	789	202	(324)	(917)	(1,540)	(2,175)
51			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	Cumulative Project Cost		3,995	3,474	2,942	2,466	1,929	1,365	789	202	(324)	(917)	(1,540)	(2,175)
53	Additions to Plant		(487)	(511)	(521)	(532)	(476)	(537)	(564)	(575)	(587)	(526)	(593)	(623)
54	Cumulative Additions to Plant		4,506	3,995	3,474	2,942	2,466	1,929	1,365	789	202	(324)	(917)	(1,540)
55	CWIP		4,482	3,985	3,464	2,998	2,405	1,902	1,353	778	263	(391)	(947)	(1,552)
<b>Annual Operating Costs / (Savings)</b>														
56	Estimated Cost Savings		(128)	(130)	(133)	(136)	(138)	(141)	(144)	(147)	(150)	(153)	(156)	(159)
57	Communications - Leased Line Costs		65	66	68	69	70	72	73	75	76	78	79	81
58	Software Maintenance Costs		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7
59	Total Incremental Operating Costs (Savings)		(57)	(58)	(59)	(61)	(62)	(63)	(64)	(66)	(67)	(68)	(70)	(71)
	(Forecast inflation rate 2%)													
<b>Depreciation Expense</b>														
60	Opening Cash Outlay		4,993	4,506	3,995	3,474	2,942	2,466	1,929	1,365	789	202	(324)	(917)
61	Additions in Year	Line 53	(487)	(511)	(521)	(532)	(476)	(537)	(564)	(575)	(587)	(526)	(593)	(623)
62	Cumulative Total		4,506	3,995	3,474	2,942	2,466	1,929	1,365	789	202	(324)	(917)	(1,540)
63	Depreciation Rate - composite average		6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%
64	Depreciation Expense		300	270	240	208	177	(57)	(537)	(564)	(575)	(587)	(526)	(593)
<b>Net Book Value</b>														
65	Gross Property	Line 54	4,506	3,995	3,474	2,942	2,466	1,929	1,365	789	202	(324)	(917)	(1,540)
66	Accumulated Depreciation		(1,628)	(1,898)	(2,138)	(2,346)	(2,523)	(2,466)	(1,929)	(1,365)	(789)	(202)	324	917
67	Net Book Value		2,878	2,097	1,336	596	(57)	(537)	(564)	(575)	(587)	(526)	(593)	(623)
<b>Carrying Costs on Average NBV</b>														
68	Return on Equity		120	91	63	36	10	(11)	(20)	(21)	(21)	(20)	(21)	(22)
69	Interest Expense		128	97	67	38	11	(12)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(22)	(22)	(24)
70	AFUDC		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
71	Total Carrying Costs		248	188	130	73	20	(23)	(42)	(43)	(44)	(42)	(42)	(46)
<b>Income Tax Expense</b>														
72	Combined Income Tax Rate		30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%
<b>Income Tax on Equity Return</b>														
73	Return on Equity	Line 68	120	91	63	36	10	(11)	(20)	(21)	(21)	(20)	(21)	(22)
74	Gross up for revenue (Return / (1 - tax rate))		173	132	91	51	14	(16)	(29)	(30)	(31)	(29)	(30)	(32)
75	Less: Income tax on Equity Return		53	40	28	16	4	(5)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(10)
76	Net Income (equal return on equity)		120	91	63	36	10	(11)	(20)	(21)	(21)	(20)	(21)	(22)
<b>Income Tax on Timing Differences</b>														
77	Depreciation Expense	Line 92	300	270	240	208	177	(57)	(537)	(564)	(575)	(587)	(526)	(593)
78	Less: Capital Cost Allowance		153	(43)	(185)	(287)	(352)	(399)	(444)	(482)	(512)	(525)	(535)	(557)
79	Total Timing Differences		147	313	424	496	529	342	(93)	(82)	(64)	(62)	9	(36)
80	Income Tax on Timing Differences		45	95	129	151	161	104	(28)	(25)	(19)	(19)	3	(11)
81	Before Tax Revenue Requirement [=Line 52/(1-tax)]		64	137	186	218	232	150	(41)	(36)	(28)	(27)	4	(16)
85	Total Income Tax	Lines 75 + 81	117	178	214	233	236	145	(50)	(45)	(37)	(36)	(5)	(26)
<b>Capital Cost Allowance</b>														
86	Opening Balance - UCC		753	113	(355)	(692)	(936)	(1,060)	(1,199)	(1,319)	(1,412)	(1,487)	(1,488)	(1,546)
87	Additions to Plant		(487)	(511)	(521)	(532)	(476)	(537)	(564)	(575)	(587)	(526)	(593)	(623)
88	Subtotal UCC		266	(398)	(876)	(1,223)	(1,412)	(1,597)	(1,763)	(1,894)	(1,999)	(2,013)	(2,082)	(2,169)
89	Capital Cost Allowance Rate		30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%
90	CCA on Opening Balance		226	34	(107)	(207)	(281)	(318)	(360)	(396)	(424)	(446)	(446)	(464)
91	CCA on Capital Expenditures ( 1/2 yr rule)		(73)	(77)	(78)	(80)	(71)	(81)	(85)	(86)	(88)	(79)	(89)	(93)
92	Total CCA		153	(43)	(185)	(287)	(352)	(399)	(444)	(482)	(512)	(525)	(535)	(557)
93	Ending Balance UCC		113	(355)	(692)	(936)	(1,060)	(1,199)	(1,319)	(1,412)	(1,487)	(1,488)	(1,546)	(1,612)

A44.1b) Includes replacement assets from Appendix A26.5.

**FortisBC Inc.**  
**Capital Project Analysis**  
**Distribution Substation Automation Program**

**Option:1**

Line No.	Year: Reference	1 Dec-07	2 Dec-08	3 Dec-09	4 Dec-10	5 Dec-11	6 Dec-12	7 Dec-13	8 Dec-14
<b>Summary</b>									
<b>Revenue Requirements</b>									
1	Operating Expense (Incremental) Line 59	0	10	25	45	(53)	(54)	(55)	(56)
2	Depreciation Expense Line 64	0	32	119	204	294	383	383	386
3	Carrying Costs Line 71	19	94	197	295	390	420	393	366
4	Income Tax Line 85	(34)	(133)	(218)	(254)	(265)	(173)	(54)	29
5	Total Revenue Requirement for Project	(15)	3	123	290	367	575	667	726
6	Net Present Value of Revenue Requirement	10.00%	-4,516						
<b>Rate Impact</b>									
7	Forecast Revenue Requirements	209,300	226,200	244,100	249,000	254,000	259,100	264,300	269,600
8	Rate Impact	-0.01%	0.00%	0.05%	0.12%	0.14%	0.22%	0.25%	0.27%
	Annual Incremental Rate Impact over previous year	-0.01%	0.01%	0.05%	0.07%	0.03%	0.08%	0.03%	0.02%
9	NPV of Project / Total Revenue Requirements	0.18%							
<b>Regulatory Assumptions</b>									
10	Equity Component	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%
11	Debt Component	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%
12	Equity Return	8.77%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%
13	Debt Return	6.40%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%
<b>Capital Cost</b>									
14	Bell Terminal		24						
15	Castlegar		345						
16	Duck Lake		131						
17	Fruitvale		42						
18	Glenmore		125						
19	Hollywood		375						
20	Keremeos		54						
21	Summerland		89						
22	Beaver Park			152					
23	Blueberry			140					
24	OK Mission			383					
25	Osoyoos			122					
26	Playmor			183					
27	Saucier			37					
28	Valhalla			91					
29	Westminster			140					
30	Christina Lake				180				
31	Glenmerry				186				
32	Hedley				348				
33	Salmo				155				
34	Trout Creek				223				
35	West Bench				286				
36	Huth					190			
37	Passmore					139			
38	Sexsmith					272			
39	Slocan City					95			
40	Stoney Creek					291			
41	Tarrys					348			
42	Data Server hardware & software		140	33	0	0		54	13
43	Initial engineering, estimating, procurement	462							
44	Capital Cost Subtotal	462	1,324	1,281	1,378	1,336	0	54	13
45	Contingency (10%)	46	132	128	138	134	0	5	1
46	AFUDC	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Cumulative Project Cost Subtotal	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	6,378	6,378	6,437	6,451
48	Estimated Annual Capital Savings								
49	Total Cash Outlay in Year	526	1,456	1,409	1,516	1,470	0	60	14
50	Cumulative Cash Outlay	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	6,378	6,378	6,437	6,451
51		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	Cumulative Project Cost	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	6,378	6,378	6,437	6,451
53	Additions to Plant	526	1,456	1,409	1,516	1,470	0	60	14
54	Cumulative Additions to Plant	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	6,378	6,378	6,437	6,451
55	CWIP	0	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	6,378	6,378	6,437
<b>Annual Operating Costs / (Savings)</b>									
56	Estimated Cost Savings					(118)	(120)	(123)	(125)
57	Communications - Leased Line Costs		10	20	40	60	61	62	64
58	Software Maintenance Costs			5	5	5	5	5	6
59	Total Incremental Operating Costs (Savings) (Forecast inflation rate 2%)	0	10	25	45	(53)	(54)	(55)	(56)
<b>Depreciation Expense</b>									
60	Opening Cash Outlay	0	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	6,378	6,378	6,437
61	Additions in Year Line 53	526	1,456	1,409	1,516	1,470	0	60	14
62	Cumulative Total	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	6,378	6,378	6,437	6,451
63	Depreciation Rate - composite average	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%
64	Depreciation Expense	0	32	119	204	294	383	383	386
<b>Net Book Value</b>									
65	Gross Property Line 54	526	1,983	3,392	4,908	6,378	6,378	6,437	6,451
66	Accumulated Depreciation	0	(32)	(151)	(354)	(649)	(1,031)	(1,414)	(1,800)
67	Net Book Value	526	1,951	3,241	4,554	5,729	5,347	5,023	4,651
<b>Carrying Costs on Average NBV</b>									
68	Return on Equity	9	46	95	143	189	204	191	178
69	Interest Expense	10	48	101	152	201	216	202	189
70	AFUDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
71	Total Carrying Costs	19	94	197	295	390	420	393	366
<b>Income Tax Expense</b>									
72	Combined Income Tax Rate	33.00%	32.50%	32.00%	31.00%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%
<b>Income Tax on Equity Return</b>									
73	Return on Equity Line 68	9	46	95	143	189	204	191	178
74	Gross up for revenue (Return / (1- tax rate))	14	67	140	208	272	293	274	256
75	Less: Income tax on Equity Return	5	22	45	64	83	89	84	78
76	Net Income (equal return on equity)	9	46	95	143	189	204	191	178
<b>Income Tax on Timing Differences</b>									
77	Depreciation Expense	0	32	119	204	294	383	383	386
78	Less: Capital Cost Allowance Line 92	79	353	677	912	1,087	981	696	498
79	Total Timing Differences	(79)	(321)	(558)	(708)	(793)	(598)	(313)	(112)
80	Income Tax on Timing Differences	(26)	(104)	(178)	(220)	(242)	(183)	(95)	(34)
81	Before Tax Revenue Requirement [=Line 52/(1-tax)]	(39)	(155)	(262)	(319)	(348)	(263)	(137)	(49)
85	Total Income Tax Lines 75 + 81	(34)	(133)	(218)	(254)	(265)	(173)	(54)	29
<b>Capital Cost Allowance</b>									
86	Opening Balance - UCC	0	447	1,551	2,284	2,887	3,270	2,289	1,653
87	Additions to Plant	526	1,456	1,409	1,516	1,470	0	60	14
88	Subtotal UCC	526	1,904	2,960	3,800	4,357	3,270	2,349	1,667
89	Capital Cost Allowance Rate	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%
90	CCA on Opening Balance	0	134	465	685	866	981	687	496
91	CCA on Capital Expenditures ( 1/2 yr rule)	79	218	211	227	220	0	9	2
92	Total CCA	79	353	677	912	1,087	981	696	498
93	Ending Balance UCC	447	1,551	2,284	2,887	3,270	2,289	1,653	1,169

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Line No.	Year:	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	Reference	Dec-15	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-18	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24	Dec-25	Dec-26	
<b>Summary</b>														
<b>Revenue Requirements</b>														
1	Operating Expense (Incremental)	Line 59	(57)	(58)	(59)	(61)	(62)	(63)	(64)	(66)	(67)	(70)	(71)	
2	Depreciation Expense	Line 64	387	387	387	420	458	497	534	534	534	538	539	
3	Carrying Costs	Line 71	338	308	300	314	330	341	326	285	247	210	170	
4	Income Tax	Line 85	88	128	122	95	77	72	110	159	187	205	219	
5	Total Revenue Requirement for Project		756	765	750	768	803	847	905	913	902	886	859	
6	Net Present Value of Revenue Requirement		10.00%											
<b>Rate Impact</b>														
7	Forecast Revenue Requirements		275,000	280,500	286,100	291,800	297,600	303,600	309,700	315,900	322,200	328,600	335,200	341,900
8	Rate Impact		0.27%	0.27%	0.26%	0.26%	0.27%	0.28%	0.29%	0.29%	0.28%	0.27%	0.26%	0.24%
	Annual Incremental Rate Impact over previous year		0.01%	0.00%	-0.01%	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%	-0.01%	-0.01%	-0.02%	
9	NPV of Project / Total Revenue Requirements													
<b>Regulatory Assumptions</b>														
10	Equity Component		40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	
11	Debt Component		60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	
12	Equity Return		9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	9.19%	
13	Debt Return		6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%	
<b>Capital Cost</b>														
14	Bell Terminal				10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
15	Castlegar				144	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
16	Duck Lake				55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	
17	Fruitvale				17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
18	Glennmore				52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	
19	Hollywood				157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	
20	Keremeos				22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	
21	Summerland				37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	
22	Beaver Park				0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
23	Blueberry				0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
24	OK Mission				0	160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
25	Osoyoos				0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
26	Playmor				0	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
27	Saucier				0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
28	Valhalla				0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
29	Westminster				0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
30	Christina Lake				0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31	Glennmerry				0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	
32	Hedley				0	0	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	
33	Salmo				0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	
34	Trout Creek				0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	
35	West Bench				0	0	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	
36	Huth				0	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	
37	Passmore				0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	
38	Sexsmith				0	0	0	114	0	0	0	0	0	
39	Slocan City				0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	
40	Stoney Creek				0	0	0	122	0	0	0	0	0	
41	Tarrys				0	0	0	146	0	0	0	0	0	
42	Data Server hardware & software		0	0	0	60	14	0	0	66	16	0	0	
43	Initial engineering, estimating, procurement				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
44	Capital Cost Subtotal		0	0	495	582	591	559	0	66	16	0	207	
45	Contingency (10%)		0	0	50	58	59	56	0	7	2	0	21	
46	AFUDC		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
47	Cumulative Project Cost Subtotal		6,451	6,451	6,996	7,636	8,286	8,901	8,901	8,901	8,973	8,990	9,218	
48	Estimated Annual Capital Savings													
49	Total Cash Outlay in Year		0	0	545	640	650	615	0	73	17	0	228	
50	Cumulative Cash Outlay		6,451	6,451	6,996	7,636	8,286	8,901	8,901	8,901	8,973	8,990	9,218	
51			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
52	Cumulative Project Cost		6,451	6,451	6,996	7,636	8,286	8,901	8,901	8,901	8,973	8,990	9,218	
53	Additions to Plant		0	0	545	640	650	615	0	73	17	0	228	
54	Cumulative Additions to Plant		6,451	6,451	6,996	7,636	8,286	8,901	8,901	8,973	8,990	8,990	9,218	
55	CWIP		6,451	6,451	6,451	6,996	7,636	8,286	8,901	8,901	8,901	8,973	8,990	
<b>Annual Operating Costs / (Savings)</b>														
56	Estimated Cost Savings		(128)	(130)	(133)	(136)	(138)	(141)	(144)	(147)	(150)	(153)	(156)	
57	Communications - Leased Line Costs		65	66	68	69	70	72	73	75	76	78	79	
58	Software Maintenance Costs		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	
59	Total Incremental Operating Costs (Savings)		(57)	(58)	(59)	(61)	(62)	(63)	(64)	(66)	(67)	(68)	(70)	
	(Forecast inflation rate 2%)													
<b>Depreciation Expense</b>														
60	Opening Cash Outlay		6,451	6,451	6,451	6,996	7,636	8,286	8,901	8,901	8,901	8,973	8,990	
61	Additions in Year	Line 53	0	0	545	640	650	615	0	73	17	0		
62	Cumulative Total		6,451	6,451	6,996	7,636	8,286	8,901	8,901	8,901	8,973	8,990		
63	Depreciation Rate - composite average		6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%		
64	Depreciation Expense		387	387	387	420	458	497	534	534	534	538		
<b>Net Book Value</b>														
65	Gross Property	Line 54	6,451	6,451	6,996	7,636	8,286	8,901	8,901	8,901	8,973	8,990		
66	Accumulated Depreciation		(2,187)	(2,574)	(2,961)	(3,381)	(3,839)	(4,336)	(4,871)	(5,405)	(5,939)	(6,477)		
67	Net Book Value		4,264	3,877	4,035	4,255	4,447	4,564	4,030	3,496	3,035	2,513		
<b>Carrying Costs on Average NBV</b>														
68	Return on Equity		164	150	145	152	160	166	158	138	120	102		
69	Interest Expense		174	159	154	162	170	176	168	147	127	108		
70	AFUDC		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
71	Total Carrying Costs		338	308	300	314	330	341	326	285	247	210		
<b>Income Tax Expense</b>														
72	Combined Income Tax Rate		30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%	30.50%		
<b>Income Tax on Equity Return</b>														
73	Return on Equity	Line 68	164	150	145	152	160	166	158	138	120	102		
74	Gross up for revenue (Return / (1 - tax rate))		236	215	209	219	230	238	227	199	173	147		
75	Less: Income tax on Equity Return		72	66	64	67	70	73	69	61	53	45		
76	Net Income (equal return on equity)		164	150	145	152	160	166	158	138	120	102		
<b>Income Tax on Timing Differences</b>														
77	Depreciation Expense	Line 92	387	387	387	420	458	497	534	534	534	538		
78	Less: Capital Cost Allowance		36	246	254	355	442	499	442	309	227	173		
79	Total Timing Differences		36	142	133	65	16	(2)	225	307	366	416		
80	Income Tax on Timing Differences		11	43	41	20	5	(1)	28	69	94	112		
81	Before Tax Revenue Requirement [=Line 52/(1-tax)]		16	62	59	28	7	(1)	41	99	135	161		
85	Total Income Tax	Lines 75 + 81	88	128	122	95	77	72	110	159	187	205		
<b>Capital Cost Allowance</b>														
86	Opening Balance - UCC		1,169	818	573	864	1,149	1,356	1,472	1,030	721	567		
87	Additions to Plant		0	0	545	640	650	615	0	73	17	0		
88	Subtotal UCC		1,169	818	1,118	1,504	1,798	1,971	1,472	1,030	794	584		
89	Capital Cost Allowance Rate		30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%		
90	CCA on Opening Balance		351	246	172	259	345	407	442	309	216	170		
91	CCA on Capital Expenditures ( 1/2 yr rule)		0	0	82	96	97	92	0	11	3	0		
92	Total CCA		351	246	254	355	442	499	442	309	227	173		
93	Ending Balance UCC		818	573	864	1,149	1,356	1,472	1,030	721	567	411		