BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Kelowna, B.C. October 28, 2008

Procedural Conference

BEFORE:

L. A. O'Hara,

Chairperson

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D. SWANZEY P. DILL Friends of Mission Creek

J. HATCH

Tantalus Holdings Limited Partnership;

Tantalus Vineyards

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2	KELOWNA, B.C.
3	October 28, 2008
4	(PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED AT 12:57 P.M.)
5	THE CHAIRPERSON: Please be seated.
6	Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. My
7	name is Liisa O'Hara. Welcome to this procedural
8	conference to consider the regulatory process for the
9	renewal of Benvoulin Substation project. FortisBC
10	filed the application for a Certificate of Public
11	Convenience and Necessity for this project with the
12	Commission on September 24 th , 2008.
13	I'm certainly pleased to see you all here,
14	and look forward to your constructive contribution and
15	assistance, which will enable the Commission to reach
16	its decision in an effective manner over, I hope, two
17	to three months. We'll talk about that.
18	With me, representing Commission staff, is
19	Brian Williston, director, engineering and energy
20	marketing. Commission Counsel for this proceeding is
21	Mr. Gordon Fulton, of Boughton Law Corporation. Mr.
22	Fulton's primary responsibility is to keep us on track
23	today and throughout the proceeding, both from the
24	legal and procedural point of view. Our Hearing
25	Officer is Mr. Hal Bemister, of Allwest Reporting
26	Limited, and I believe Mr. Fulton already mentioned

that, as you see, the proceedings are being recorded and the transcript will be available later this week?

Yes -- the answer is yes. And please feel to approach these gentlemen for assistance regarding any questions or concerns you may have, either today or later on.

FortisBC is proposing the Benvoulin Substation project as the preferred solution to meet load growth and relieve distribution system capacity constraints here in the south central Kelowna area. FortisBC is seeking approval to construct a distribution source substation together with a transmission line, connected to the existing 130 kV 51 line, and the necessary distribution facilities to tie the substation into the existing distribution network.

The project has an estimated capital cost of approximately \$17.7 million. It is scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2009, and to be completed by the end of 2010.

As a result of its public consultation, FortisBC proposes to locate the substation at the gravel pit site along Casorso Road.

By Order G-146-08, the Commission established a date for this procedural conference and ordered FortisBC to publish the notice of application and this procedural conference in local newspapers in the Kelowna area. As indicated in Order G-146-08, we

1	are here this afternoon to hear submissions on
2	procedural matters, which will include but may not be
3	limited to the following:
4	Proceeding Time 1:01 p.m. T02
5	Number one, identification of the principal
6	issues arising from or related to the application.
7	Two, whether any of you intervenors intend
8	to file evidence.
9	Three, whether the review should proceed by
10	an oral or written public hearing, or some other
11	process.
12	Four, if there is an oral hearing, the
13	location for the hearing.
14	Five, whether there should be a community
15	input session.
16	And finally six, steps and timetable
17	associated with the regulatory review process. And
18	other matters that will assist the Commission to
19	efficiently review the application.
20	Today's program includes the following
21	three components. First, you will be called by Mr.
22	Fulton to enter your appearance. Second, at the
23	Commission's request, FortisBC will briefly still
24	outline this project in further detail. And third, we
25	will hear submissions from all of you on procedural
26	matters.

1	Following this procedural conference, I
2	intend to issue an Order establishing the regulatory
3	process and timetable for this proceeding.
4	I am now going to ask Mr. Fulton to call
5	for appearances. When you enter your appearance,
6	please identify any significant issues that you may
7	have with the application. Also, should you have any
8	additional topics that you wish to add to the agenda
9	for consideration this afternoon, please identify
10	those as well.
11	Please proceed, Mr. Fulton.
12	Proceeding Time 1:03 p.m. T03
13	MR. FULTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll first call on
14	the applicant, FortisBC Inc.
15	MR. McDONELL: Thank you, Mr. Fulton. Commissioner
15 16	MR. McDONELL: Thank you, Mr. Fulton. Commissioner O'Hara, Robert McDonell, appearing for FortisBC Inc.,
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16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	O'Hara, Robert McDonell, appearing for FortisBC Inc., and I have with me Joyce Martin and Dennis Swanson from FortisBC. And we're ready to proceed. THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. MR. FULTON: Rampone Farms. MR. RAMPONE: Domenic Rampone, representing Rampone Farms, local farming establishment in the area. MR. FULTON: Okay. If I could ask you to come forward,

- representing Rampone Farms, and we have a farming entity in the immediate area of the substation.
- 3 | THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Mr. Rampone.
- 4 MR. FULTON: British Columbia Old Age Pensioners'
- 5 Association et al.
- 6 MS. KHAN: Sarah Khan, K-H-A-N, for BCOAPO et al. And a
- 7 couple of issues that -- would you like me to go ahead
- 8 and list a couple of issues that we have with the
- 9 project?
- 10 THE CHAIRPERSON: That would be fine, please.
- 11 MS. KHAN: First of all, we are interested to know what
- plans FortisBC will have if the land -- if the
- proposed Site 7 can't be removed from the Agricultural
- 14 Land Reserve. Another issue that we've been thinking
- about in the last few weeks is how will the current
- economic conditions affect the project, being the cost
- of the project and the load forecast. Thank you.
- 18 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Ms. Khan.
- 19 Proceeding Time 1:05 p.m. T04
- 20 MR. FULTON: Friends of Mission Creek.
- 21 MR. SWANZEY: My name is Dave Swanzey, S-W-A-N-Z-E-Y, and
- Peter Dill, D-I-L-L, is with me as well, representing
- 23 them.
- 24 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.
- 25 MR. FULTON: Tantalus Holdings Limited Partnership,
- 26 Tantalus Vineyards.

1 MS. HATCH: Jane Hatch, H-A-T-C-H, representing Tantalus Vineyards. We're a winery located at 1670 Dehart 2 We have some questions concerning positioning 3 of the substation in the gravel pit. Just to preface 4 this quickly, we're proposing building within the next 5 6 two years a state-of-the-art winery at 1670 Dehart 7 Road, and the winery is in relative proximity to the substation, so our concerns are more about the 8 aesthetics than anything else. Positioning of the 9 substation in the gravel pit, sight lines from Casorso 10 Road, and whether or not those sight lines are 11 unsightly and can impact our winery visitors. 12 13 The other question that I have is regarding power lines. I understand power lines traveling 14 towards Benvoulin Road will be underground, but my 15 16 question is, power lines heading towards Dehart Road, are there any additional power lines proposed, and how 17 18 do you intend to install them, above ground or below 19 ground. Thank you. THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Ms. Hatch. 20 Is there anyone else present this afternoon 21 MR. FULTON: 22 who wishes to appear for the purposes of the record? No respondents, Madam Chair. I'll turn the 23 24 mike back to Mr. McDonell. MR. McDONELL: Thank you, Mr. Fulton. 25 26 Commissioner O'Hara, I plan to give a brief

description, an overview of the application, and then perhaps make some introductory remarks in terms of procedure for today and for generally the disposition of the application.

Proceeding Time 1:07 p.m. T05

FortisBC's application to the Commission is for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for a new substation to be known as the Benvoulin Substation, and there are related facilities to that substation, including a transmission tie and distribution feeders.

The continuing development in the Kelowna area gives rise to increased demands for capacity that presently existing facilities in the near future will not be able to meet those demands. New facilities are needed. Those new facilities are described in the application materials, and for the area of Kelowna under consideration in this application, FortisBC's solution is a new substation to be known as the Benvoulin Substation.

In the application, the particular works proposed within the scope of the project are defined, and they include the acquisition of approximately five acres of land for the substation site, a new 32 megawatt transformer with related substation facilities, a short 138,000 volt transmission line to

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and from the new substation for the transmission tie, distribution feeders from the substation, an additional underground duct for future feeders, all at an estimated cost for this project of approximately \$17 million.

Madam, Commissioner O'Hara, the company has conducted a very thorough public consultation process in regard to site selection for this application for the preferred site identified in the application. There have been three public meetings to obtain community input. Out of this process the company is confident that the most suitable site has been identified. The nature of intervention in this application, in my submission, reflects success in that pre-hearing, pre-application public process. There are intervenors in support of the preferred There are intervenors, as you've heard a moment ago, that have other questions -- questions, in my submission, that can be quite easily answered with information provided, and possibly, although given what we've heard this morning, an additional community input session which may or may not be necessary. Perhaps we could hear more about that today, because it's on the list of the procedural issues as to whether or not it's necessary. But at the moment, I don't hear any necessity for that, although the

company is prepared to have that if needed.

So I would propose, Madam Chair, with that introduction, that we move to the issues, or the various matters identified to be dealt with at this hearing, including the identification and development of an issues list. And what I would propose is to identify a couple that the company acknowledges as arising on the application, and then perhaps we could hear further from the intervenors. Some have already identified the issues they wish to see move forward.

Justification is the first issue I would suggest for the issues list. So firstly a justification. Second, alternative solutions.

Thirdly, we heard from Ms. Khan about land acquisition and the status of that. It may be that with the provision of information she could request, that we could resolve any enquiries she has as to the status of land acquisition, but status of land acquisition is a possible issue for the hearing.

One of the intervenors, Tantalus, also raised the issue of aesthetics, and so perhaps aesthetics is commonly an issue we see on an issues list, and that could also be on this list.

Ms. Khan raised the issue of the economy and some of us watching the bouncing ball of the economy these days. In my submission that would fall

within justification for the project generally. I don't think we need an enquiry, not that she's proposing one, in terms of the -- perhaps there's other forums that are going to be reviewing the exciting times we're having with the economy, but I think that falls within justification and alternative solution, and all the factors that go into that part of the analysis.

So, all of that leads, I think, to the disposition of the application by way of a written hearing. And I strongly submit that this application should be disposed of by way of written hearing. I don't -- in my submission, there is nothing to be gained by the cost and time taken up in an oral hearing. It's just not warranted with the nature of the intervention and the questions that are going forward.

So those are my introductory comments.

Perhaps after you hear from the other intervenors we could then talk about actually getting down to proposing scheduling for the exchange of written argument, if the Commission is disposed to have a written hearing. And I have some dates in mind, but those being my introductory comments, I'd suggest you maybe hear further from intervenors. I could then respond, and we could develop a schedule.

1	THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Mr. McDonell.
2	MR. McDONELL: Thank you.
3	Proceeding Time 1:12 p.m. T06
4	THE CHAIRPERSON: Now, Mr. Fulton, will you then please
5	invite our intervenors to speak.
6	MR. FULTON: Yes. I'll just slide over there so that the
7	intervenors can address you from this dais. And I'll
8	begin by calling Rampone Farms.
9	And what I will do, Madam Chair, is you
10	itemized the procedural matters that people are to
11	address. Those procedural matters are found in Order
12	G-146-08, so I'll leave the page of G-146-08 that has
13	the bulleted matters for people, so that as they're
14	going through the issues, they'll have that as a
15	reference.
16	So, Mr. Rampone, if you'd like to come
17	forward first.
18	MR. RAMPONE: Thank you very much. Being a long-time
19	resident of Kelowna, a sixth-generation of farming,
20	we're really concerned about this project. And I have
21	to say that I was totally impressed with the B.C.
22	Utilities Commission's procedural in this matter and
23	Fortis, as the way they had the public hearings.
24	The one procedural issue I'd like to
25	address is, I believe that if a hearing is necessary,
26	written or oral, that it should be an oral one. There

1 is a lot of elderly farmers in the area that sometimes 2 have a hard time expressing themselves written, and sometimes there is a few farmers in the immediate area 3 that their English language is not all that great, but 4 they can express themself quite good, and I would 5 6 think a lot of the farmers I have spoken to would be 7 in favour of the project in its location. But I think the oral hearing would be better for this application. 8 Thank you. 9 Perhaps, Mr. Fulton, you can help me 10 THE CHAIRPERSON: and Mr. Rampone here regarding this example of some 11 individuals who might prefer the oral hearing 12 13 approach, but none of these individuals have registered either as intervenors or interested 14 15 parties. 16 What you are suggesting, Mr. Rampone, sounds more like a community input session. Am I 17 18 understanding correctly? 19 MR. RAMPONE: That could be possible. I was unsure of which one it should be. 20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Because whether it is written or oral, 21 22 that's the more formal process, and I think you who 23 are here today registered either as intervenors or 24 interested parties, you are already part of this formal process. And the date for that participation 25 26 is past. Am I --

- 1 MR. FULTON: Yes, it is. -- Mr. Fulton, maybe you want to add to 2 THE CHAIRPERSON: 3 that. And generally what happens, though, Madam 4 MR. FULTON: Chair, if someone expresses an interest and comes 5 forward at a later time, then it's up to the 6 7 Commission Panel to determine whether late intervenor status would be granted. 8 I would think that, along the lines of a 9 community input session, if the Commission is 10 contemplating a community input session, the 11 Commission would want to be satisfied that there were 12 at least a minimum number of people who were going to 13 attend the session, and that the Commission would then 14 want to set a date in advance that provided there are, 15 16 say, picking a number, ten people who indicate that 17 they wish to make a presentation to the Commission, a 18 community input session will be held on such-and-such 19 a date. But if ten people do not advise the 20 Commission by that date, then there would not be a community input session. That is an approach that was 21 taken in the Interior to Lower Mainland CPCN 22 23 application of BCTC. The number there, I think, was 24 -- I can't remember, it was five or six. Thank you. 25 THE CHAIRPERSON:
- 26 MR. FULTON: Okay. So that will then bring me to BCOAPO,

1	Ms. Khan.
2	Proceeding Time 1:17 p.m. T07
3	MS. KHAN: We are in support of a written proceeding for
4	this application. In terms of the community input
5	session, whether or not to have one, we support the
6	process outlined by Mr. Fulton.
7	We are also in favour of the regulatory
8	timetable set out by FortisBC at page 8 of their
9	application. I'm not sure if that's the proposal that
10	they're going to put forward today, but that's
11	we're in agreement with that, or something similar to
12	that.
13	And I think that's those are all the
14	comments that I have.
15	THE CHAIRPERSON: And, Ms. Khan, you mentioned before
16	those two specific issues you have concerns with. Do
17	you think the suggestions by Mr. McDonell would
18	address them; i.e., you could ask questions in the
19	Information Request process and
20	MS. KHAN: Yes. Doing it by way of a written proceeding
21	would be sufficient for us. Of course we will be
22	addressing other issues as well. Those are just two
23	issues that do stick out for us.
24	THE CHAIRPERSON: But that would be a good forum for
25	dealing with them.
26	MS. KHAN: Yes.

- 1 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Ms. Khan.
- 2 MS. KHAN: Thank you.

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- 3 MR. FULTON: Friends of Mission Creek.
- Hello, I'm from Friends of Mission Creek, 4 MR. DILL: Peter Dill. We are at the bottom of the learning 5 6 curve in understanding this process, all right? We 7 did have a couple of concerns, but I think these can probably be clarified quite quickly. It was to do 8 with pathway and construction, and potential pathways, 9 and I'll just go through the three points that we 10 wanted to mention. 11

One was, we are responsible for maintaining the greenway, and we wanted to get an understanding that, other than during construction, the greenway will work the way it normally works. In other words, it's open -- it's not going to obstruct the greenway. I understand it's going under the creek, so it probably will go under the greenway.

The second one relates to the Casorso wetland. At the present time there has been the introduction of a roundabout, and a little wetland has been trapped beside the roundabout. It's the vision of the Friends of Mission Creek that the small wetland and the major wetland would be joined by an open waterway, and we are wondering where the cable will lie. Will it be on the old Casorso road-bed, or will

it travel up to Swamp Road and then cross Swamp Road to go up Casorso? I guess I'm asking, is it going to 2 be southwest of the roundabout or northeast of the 3 roundabout? You can probably clarify that one easily. 4 The last one was an interest in where the 5 6 cable lies on the north side of Mission Creek, not for 7 a concern about the cable, but one of the long-term visions that's been expressed by the city and also by 8 the Friends of Mission Creek, that we might develop --9 of course, maintain the greenway along Mission Creek, 10 but also introduce a greenway along Wilson Creek. 11 What we're hoping for is a roundabout loop, so that 12 13 walkers will be able to go from the greenway at Casorso area to the Wilson Creek greenway, and we're 14 asking, would it be appropriate for us to have our 15 16 path where -- on top of where you will put your cable? I believe it will be on the west side of Casorso. 17 18 Those are the only three, I think, that I 19 Thank you very much. If you have any questions have. 20 for us --Thank you, Mr. Dill, and it sounds to 21 THE CHAIRPERSON: me, process-wise, again, these are the type of 22 23 questions and you should be able to put in writing to 24 Fortis, and then Fortis will reply in writing to them. Okay, fine. 25 MR. DILL: MR. McDONELL: Yes, I don't mean to -- if I could -- I 26

- will speak to the representatives of the Friends of
 Mission Creek after we adjourn today.
- 3 | THE CHAIRPERSON: All right.
- 4 MR. McDONELL: And see how that's most easily
- 5 accomplished.

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- 6 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you.
- 7 MR. FULTON: Tantalus Holdings Limited Partnership,
- 8 Tantalus Vineyards.

Proceeding Time 1:22 p.m. T08

Thank you. I believe our concerns can be MS. HATCH: adequately submitted in writing for this. But just to add on to that, what we are about to embark on is a significant capital investment, and what we're most interested in with Fortis is just to have some acknowledgement of the sensitivity. This is an important agri-tourism business that we're putting together with them; and as far as sight lines go, we are interested particularly in the strip of trees that runs along Casorso that currently shields the visual sight line between Casorso Road and to the gravel pit. And our basic request would be that, if need be, some landscape mitigation or problem-solving mechanism be put into place, again with sensitivity to the visitors that we expect in the thousands, that will be visiting us.

26 Thank you.

1 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Ms. Hatch. That, I believe, then concludes the 2 MR. FULTON: submissions of the intervenors, Madam Chair. 3 So then back to you, Mr. McDonell. 4 THE CHAIRPERSON: 5 MR. McDONELL: Yes, thank you, Commissioner O'Hara. 6 If I could just reply briefly to Mr. 7 Rampone and Mr. Fulton's comments in regard to a 8 community input session. I think we would adopt Mr. Fulton's process. That is, a community input session 9 if necessary, if there is sufficient interest. And if 10 there's not necessary or adequate registered interest 11 or notification from the public that it is -- that 12 community input session should be held, then it would 13 be cancelled, but otherwise the company is prepared to 14 have an additional community input session. 15 16 As I said, I will speak to representatives 17 of Friends of Mission Creek further, and also the 18 representatives of Tantalus, to see how their 19 questions are best answered. Some may well be more 20 appropriate for the Information Request, some could possibly be answered very quickly, and we'll try to do 21 22 that. 23 So I don't have any other reply to what 24 you've heard from the intervenors, Madam Chair. seems to me there is substantial and general agreement 25 26 that the application should be disposed of by way of a

1 written hearing, and that the schedule for proceeding towards the disposition of the application, as 2 outlined in the application itself at page 8, is 3 generally agreed. 4 5 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, let's go back to the page 8 here, 6 briefly here then. And what that timetable proposes 7 is that the additional questions that the Commission may have, and then the opportunity for intervenors to 8 ask questions, would be November 5th. 9 MR. McDONELL: Yes. 10 And the responses by Fortis to these 11 THE CHAIRPERSON: Information Requests would be November 26th. Then 12 FortisBC final submission December 5th, intervenor 13 final submission December 12th, and then Fortis reply 14 December 19th. 15 MR. McDONELL: 16 Yes. THE CHAIRPERSON: Now, if there is interest in this 17 18 community input session, where would you see it 19 fitting in this timetable, Mr. McDonell? 20 MR. McDONELL: Could I have one moment, please? I would propose -- my initial proposition 21 is November 20th. However, if it's thought that the 22 23 input session should not be held in the midst of the 24 IR process, then we propose before -- some time during the week of December 1st, then. 25 26 THE CHAIRPERSON: December. And that would certainly

- 1 give you sufficient time for public notice, then.
- 2 MR. McDONELL: Yes, yes.
- 3 | THE CHAIRPERSON: For it, yes.
- 4 | MR. McDONELL: I think that works. I think it fits.
- 5 | THE CHAIRPERSON: So, early December.
- 6 MR. McDONELL: Yes.
- 7 | THE CHAIRPERSON: And probably it might be better to have
- 8 it after the responses to the Information Requests
- 9 have been completed.
- 10 MR. McDONELL: I understand.
- 11 THE CHAIRPERSON: Yes, so people would be better
- 12 equipped, then, to --
- 13 MR. McDONELL: The issues are identified and the
- 14 responses are received.
- 15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Yes. That's right.
- 16 All right. Is there anything else
- 17 regarding the timetable then?
- 18 MR. McDONELL: I have nothing else, thank you. No, thank
- 19 you.
- 20 MR. FULTON: Madam Chair, may I make a submission in
- 21 terms of the proposed schedule? And it relates to the
- 22 timing of the delivery of the IRs from IR number 2
- 23 from the staff, and IR number 1 from the intervenors.
- 24 And I would like to see that extended for another
- week, until November the 12th, because we're at the 28th
- 26 today. The November 5th date might just be too tight a

late?

1 timeline for that, and given what we've heard today, that two-week period for Fortis to reply should be 2 sufficient time, and I would suspect that if they're 3 struggling with the number of questions, then they 4 will be able to come back to the Commission and ask 5 6 for an extension if it was necessary. 7 So, that is a suggested amendment to the 8 timing for the delivery of the IRs. And then in terms of the community input session, probably there should 9 be a date picked one week before the date proposed for 10 the community input session to have a fixed number, a 11 minimum number of people responding, failing which the 12 13 community input session will be cancelled. THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Mr. Fulton. Mr. McDonell, 14 how would this amendment fit Fortis's plans? 15 16 MR. McDONELL: Happy to accommodate Mr. Fulton on his proposed amendment to extend the date for the 17 information responses to -- was it the 5th to the 12th? 18 19 Yes. THE CHAIRPERSON: Twelfth. From fifth to twelfth, yes. 20 MR. McDONELL: That's fine. And the dates for -- also a 21 22 good suggestion on the -- to set a date by which an 23 adequate number of parties must register and show 24 sufficient interest. I would suggest either the Tuesday, December the 2nd, or the prior -- is that too 25

- 1 THE CHAIRPERSON: Let's now first fix the tentative date,
- 2 then, for the community input session, and then
- 3 backtrack from that.
- 4 | MR. McDONELL: Okay, I'm sorry. I thought we had. All
- 5 right.
- 6 | THE CHAIRPERSON: I think we talked about December 1^{st} .
- 7 MR. McDONELL: So if the session is December 2nd,
- 8 tentatively --
- 9 THE CHAIRPERSON: Right.
- 10 MR. McDONELL: -- then the date for registration should
- 11 be November 25th, I would suggest.
- 12 THE CHAIRPERSON: That sounds about right.
- 13 MR. FULTON: Thank you. And just to make to sure the
- 14 record is clear, my friend referred to information
- responses for the 12th, but I think he intended
- 16 Information Requests by the 12th.
- 17 THE CHAIRPERSON: Requests be made.
- 18 MR. McDONELL: Indeed I did.
- 19 THE CHAIRPERSON: Yes.
- 20 MR. FULTON: Thank you.
- 21 THE CHAIRPERSON: And so the requests are due on November
- 22 12th, and the Fortis responses are still due by
- November 26th.
- 24 MR. McDONELL: Yes, Madam Chair.
- 25 THE CHAIRPERSON: And then the registration for the
- 26 potential community input session, the deadline for

1	that would be November 25 th .
2	MR. McDONELL: Yes.
3	THE CHAIRPERSON: And prior to that, Fortis would still
4	run a notice in local papers for that.
5	MR. McDONELL: Yes, absolutely. Yes.
6	THE CHAIRPERSON: All right, then. Is there anything
7	else that we should still address?
8	I don't think so. Mr. Fulton, I think
9	everything we have addressed there?
10	MR. FULTON: Yes, I have nothing further, Madam Chair,
11	thank you.
12	THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Thank you. So I believe, then,
13	that short and sweet.
14	That brings us to the conclusion of this
15	afternoon's gathering, and in addition to Mr. Fulton
16	assuring me, I'll just ask once more, I want to make
17	ensure that there are no matters that I have
18	missed, and that should be addressed>
19	Hearing none, then I conclude this
20	procedural conference. Thank you, everybody, very
21	much for attending, and moving this agenda forward.
22	Thank you.
23	MR. McDONELL: Thank you.
24	(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED AT 1:32 P.M.)
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