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Attached is the Submission from Alan Wait for the FortisBC 2009/10 Capital Expenditure Plan. I am filing this submission early, as I will be away from now until the filing deadline.

Alan Wait

FortisBC 2009-2010 Capital Expenditure Plan

Intervenor Submission

by Alan Wait

It is very difficult for an individual intervenor to comment effectively about a great many of the FortisBC projects for which I have very little intricate knowledge considering the size and complexity of the FortisBC system. Therefore, I have confined my comments to a few projects with which I have some familiarity.

With the final upgrade of the South Slokan Plant, I am pleased to see that the full water license is now be utilized, as before the upgrades I believe that about 200 cfs was not used due to turbine limitations before the upgrades were started.

It does make sense to purchase spare transformers considering the costs of delay in acquiring a replacement transformer should one fail. My concern about the treatment of depreciation has been allayed.

I continue to have a concern that Penticton can be adequately served from the Oliver Substation, should 73 Line fail south of Kelowna during a period that 76 Line is de-energized or partially removed during construction of the new 230 kv lines.

The Christina Lake Feeder #1 appears to be a case of rebuild it now, or spend money on repairs and short term fixes, only to redo the affected portion in a few years anyway. I agree it would make sense to rebuild the section now.

I also agree with FortisBC that a CPCN should not be required for the upgrade to Corra Linn Unit #2 as this upgrade process has been going on for many years now. A CPCN process would be a complete waste of time and money.

The major items in the Capital Plan are covered by CPCN's, and I have already expressed my opinions in those hearings that are under consideration by the BCUC.

I hope these are the last years that Capital Expenditure Plans will be over the \$100 mil per year mark, unless new generation capacity is being added, for some years into the future.