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LONG-TERM ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION INQUIRY

**NOTICE OF
PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE**

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Terms of Reference issued by the Government on December 11, 2008, the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("Commission") is conducting an Inquiry to make determinations with respect to British Columbia's electricity transmission infrastructure and capacity needs for a 30-year period. In order to reach its determinations, the Commission must assess (a) the electricity generation resources in B.C. that will potentially be developed during the 30-year period, grouped by geographical location, and (b) the most-cost-effective and most probable sequence(s) of development by geographic area.

In making its assessment, the Commission must consider various factors such as utility long-term resource plans, domestic load requirements, export opportunities for clean, renewable or low-carbon electricity, and areas in B.C. that will be inappropriate for development of generation resources, including but not limited to, parks and protected areas. The Commission must not make determinations on the merits of specific generation projects or with respect to the specific routing or technology of transmission projects.

As required by Section 10(a) of the Terms of Reference, the Commission is inviting submissions, evidence and presentations from any interested person, First Nations, local governments, utilities, power producers, ratepayer groups, environmental non-government organizations, and others on the matters that are the subject of the Inquiry.

A full version of the Terms of Reference for the Inquiry can be found on the Commission's website at www.bcuc.com.

PARTICIPATION

The Commission is hosting a Workshop on the Terms of Reference and Inquiry issues and processes. The Workshop will be followed by an initial Procedural Conference to discuss Inquiry timing and procedures. The times and place for both are shown below. Subject to comments heard at the Procedural Conference, the Commission is considering a subsequent Procedural Conference on the scope of the issues to be considered in the Inquiry.

Participant Registration:	Thursday, April 9, 2009
Workshop:	Friday, April 17, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Procedural Conference:	Monday, April 27, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Location:	Commission Hearing Room 12 th Floor 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Those who wish to participate in the Workshop and/or Procedural Conference are asked to contact Ms. Erica Hamilton, Commission Secretary, in order to receive any preliminary materials or to be notified in the event of a change in the time or location, by Thursday, April 9, 2009, as follows:

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Those who wish to participate in the Inquiry but do not plan to attend the Workshop or the Procedural Conference are asked to register with the Commission Secretary by May 1, 2009.

Interested Parties who do not wish to become full participants but who wish to receive copies of Commission Orders related to the Inquiry and the final report of the Inquiry Panel, are also asked to register with the Commission Secretary.