

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT
S.B.C. 2002, c.43 (the Act)**

and

**AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE
INTERIOR TO LOWER MAINLAND TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT
(the Project)**

ORDER UNDER SECTION 10(1)(c)

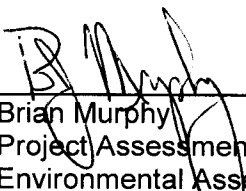
WHEREAS:

- A. British Columbia Transmission Corporation (Proponent) proposes to construct and operate a new electric transmission line from the Nicola Substation near Merritt to the Meridian Substation near Coquitlam, and the new electric transmission line constitutes a reviewable project pursuant to Part 4 of the *Reviewable Projects Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 370/2002) as the proposed Project is a new 500 kilovolt line, with a length of 40 kilometers or more on a new right of way;
- B. On December 11, 2006 the Executive Director, in accordance with section 4 of the Act, delegated certain statutory and regulatory powers and duties to the undersigned Project Assessment Director; and
- C. The undersigned Project Assessment Director considers that the Project may have significant adverse effects.

NOW THEREFORE:

Pursuant to section 10(1)(c) of the Act, the undersigned Project Assessment Director orders that:

- (i) an environmental assessment certificate is required for the Project; and
- (ii) the Proponent may not proceed with the Project without an assessment.



Brian Murphy
Project Assessment Director
Environmental Assessment Office

Dated December 18, 2006, at Victoria, British Columbia