

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Supreme Court denies leave to appeal in "Tsawwassen Residents Against Higher Voltage Overhead Lines Society v. British Columbia Transmission Corporation"

VANCOUVER/OTTAWA – The Supreme Court of Canada has denied a leave to appeal application by a Tsawwassen interest group regarding the Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement project.

The court's decision upholds a previous decision by the BC Court of Appeal, which recognized the authority and strength of BC Utilities Commission decision.

The Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project was approved by the BC Utilities Commission in July 2006. The project is an upgrade to existing transmission lines supplying electricity from the Lower Mainland to the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island.

The Utilities Commission has directed BC Transmission Corporation to ensure an inservice date of fall 2008. More than 90 per cent of the project is currently under construction.

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