

Powerlines

FortisBC PowerSense Conservation Excellence Awards

Six local Kootenay businesses and municipalities were recognized at the 2007 FortisBC PowerSense Conservation Excellence Awards in Trail this past November.

This year's recipients included Celgar pulp mill (Castlegar), the City of Nelson, Mountain Lakes Senior Centre (Nelson), Porcupine Wood Products (Salmo), Roxul (West) Inc. (Grand Forks) and Selkirk College (Castlegar).

The awards recognize customers who have shown a commitment to innovation, conservation and sustainability by completing energy efficiency projects that save over 100,000 kWhs annually. The winners were able to achieve these energy savings by incorporating energy efficiency measures into new facility or upgrade projects.

From left: Michael Mulcahy, VP Customer & Corporate Services for FortisBC; Rick White, Celgar Pulp; Mayor John Dooley, City of Nelson; Peter Regenberg, Roxul (West); Steve Podovennikoff, Selkirk College.



Growing with our Communities

In 2007 FortisBC invested a record \$140 million on infrastructure enhancements to serve growing customer demand and to replace aging infrastructure. Included in these enhancements were four major substation projects. The new Nk'Mip distribution substation and associated power lines were constructed to create an additional source of supply into the growing Osoyoos area. A new power line to the Big White community northeast of Kelowna was also completed in 2007. This was the first phase of the \$20.3 million Big White Project which also involves the construction of a new substation in 2008. FortisBC started construction on the Kettle Valley Substation Project in the Rock Creek area last year. This substation is expected to be in-service by the fall of 2008 and will replace three substations and the associated transmission lines.

FortisBC is committed to providing safe, reliable power to communities across the southern interior of British Columbia.

FortisBC plans to spend in excess of \$500 million over the next five years to address customer growth and increase reliability. To learn more about our projects visit www.fortisbc.com.

What is a substation?

An electrical substation is a subsidiary station of an electricity generation, transmission and distribution system where voltage is transformed from high to low or the reverse using transformers. FortisBC operates over 70 substations in its service area.



Habitat for Humanity Project in Greenwood

Thanks to the efforts of numerous local community members and the Habitat for Humanity organization, the Ford-Vatan family was able to celebrate this past holiday season in their new, energy efficient home in Greenwood. FortisBC PowerSense donated an air source heat pump to the project, ensuring long-term savings and year-round comfort for the new home owners.

The family's new home is one of several Habitat for Humanity projects in the Grand Forks region. To learn more about Habitat for Humanity, visit www.habitat.ca.



From left: Chris Ford, Marsha Vatan and daughter Lilliana (partner family), Rick Friesen and Irene Friesen (Habitat for Humanity volunteers), and Suzanne Stansbury (FortisBC PowerSense).

Working Towards a Sustainable Future

FortisBC generates approximately 45% of its electricity requirements with the balance met through power purchase agreements. The Company is now in the process of gathering public feedback and developing a long term resource plan for submission to the BC Utilities Commission. The Resource Plan will focus on long term generation options for meeting our customers' future electricity needs.

The 2007 BC Energy Plan plays a significant role in FortisBC's evaluation of potential sources for additional power, providing public policy guidance.

Throughout February and March, FortisBC will be soliciting stakeholder feedback and completing research surveys to better understand public attitudes and preferences about resource options. To learn more, visit www.fortisbc.com/resourceplan.html



FortisBC CEO Appointed to Provincial Climate Action Team

FortisBC is committed to partnering with government to establish programs and policy for minimizing environmental impacts. In late 2007, the BC provincial government announced the appointment of FortisBC's President and CEO John Walker to a new Climate Action Team. The team's mandate is to offer feasible actions and recommendations to achieve

emission reduction targets set for 2012, 2016 and 2020. In 2007, the Company also worked with the Ministry of Environment and wildlife biologists to develop and implement an osprey risk management standard to deter bird nests being built on power line infrastructure.



THE SAFETY ZONE
Stay Clear. Stay Safe.

Power lines are never safe to touch. Most overhead lines are not insulated or covered. The protective coating on lines is never safe to touch—it is a protective coating to protect the line against the elements.

Go Paperless with FortisBC's eBill Service

FortisBC is committed to offering customers convenient and easy-to-use online services. In early 2008, FortisBC will offer customers the choice of receiving their electricity bill via email.

FortisBC's eBill service is a fast, easy and environmentally friendly way to access your electricity bill.

You can also pay your bill online through your financial institution, making it easier than ever to manage your electricity account. Check out www.fortisbc.com, or call 1-866-4FORTIS (1-866-436-7847) for more information.

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