



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER E-13-15**

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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
A Filing for Approval of the Deferred Exchange Agreement –
Huntingdon Gas Supply between
FortisBC Energy Inc. and Avista Corporation

BEFORE: L. F. Kelsey, Commissioner
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner
K. A. Keilty, Commissioner April 30, 2015
N. E. MacMurchy, Commissioner
I. F. MacPhail, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By Letter L-40-14 dated July 17, 2014, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) accepted the FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) 2014/15 Annual Contracting Plan (ACP);
- B. On April 14, 2015, FEI filed with the Commission an application for approval to amend the Avista Corporation (Avista) Deferred Exchange Agreement (DE1) 2-Year Firm Gas Storage Agreement to extend the term a further 5 years (the Agreement);
- C. FEI requests that the filing and associated documents remain confidential due to their commercially sensitive nature;
- D. By Order G-130-06 dated October 27, 2006, the Commission approved the Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts (Rules). The Rules are intended to facilitate the Commission's review of natural gas energy supply contracts pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act*; and
- E. The Commission reviewed the filing and is satisfied that the Agreement between FEI and Avista is consistent with the ACP, is in the public interest, and that the filing and associated documents should be kept confidential.

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NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* and in accordance with the British Columbia Utilities Commission's Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts, the Commission accepts the deferred exchange agreement between FortisBC Energy Inc. and Avista Corporation. The Commission will keep the filing and associated documents confidential as requested by FortisBC Energy Inc. as they contain commercially sensitive information.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th day of April 2015.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L. F. Kelsey
Commissioner