



**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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NUMBER R-15-15**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.  
Application to Deregister for certain functions required for Compliance  
with Mandatory Reliability Standards in British Columbia

**BEFORE:** L. F. Kelsey, Commissioner  
C. A. Brown, Commissioner  
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner  
K. A. Keilty, Commissioner  
N. E. MacMurchy, Commissioner  
I. F. MacPhail, Commissioner  
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner  
D. M. Morton, Commissioner  
R. D. Revel, Commissioner

April 2, 2015

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Mandatory Reliability Standards Regulation (MRS Regulation), Ministerial Order M039, deposited February 23, 2009, described the parties subject to reliability standards adopted under section 125.2(6) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA). On June 4, 2009, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order G-67-09 specifying that entities subject to reliability standards must register with the Commission;
- B. In accordance with the Administration Agreement between the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) and the Commission, dated September 8, 2009 and renewed August 21, 2014, WECC makes registration recommendations in its role as Administrator for the BC Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) Program;
- C. By Order R-35-12, FortisBC Energy (FEI) was registered with the BC MRS Program for the function of Load Serving Entity;

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- D. On October 7, 2014, Ministerial Order M325 amended the MRS Regulation with a revised definition of the bulk power system and a revision to the parties that are subject to reliability standards in BC. The amended MRS Regulation does not include an exception process to exclude/include an entity in the BC MRS Program if an entity qualifies/does not qualify under the revised definition of the bulk power system;
- E. On February 6, 2015, WECC informed the Commission that FEI does not meet the requirements in Ministerial Order M325 and recommended the Commission deregister FEI as Load Serving Entity with the BC MRS Program;
- F. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and FortisBC Inc. were informed of WECC's recommendation to deregister FEI; and
- G. The Commission considers WECC's recommendation to deregister FEI is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 125.2(10) of the *Utilities Commission Act* and in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Reliability Standards in British Columbia and Registration Manual attached as Appendix A thereto, the British Columbia Utilities Commission approves the deregistration of FortisBC Energy Inc. for the function of Load Serving Entity as recommended by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D.M. Morton  
Commissioner