

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

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IN THE MATTER OF the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

Application for Approval of Rates and Contract for Liquefied Natural Gas Supply from the Vedder Transport Ltd. LNG Fueling Station for Wheeler Transport Inc.

BEFORE: K. A. Keilty, Panel Chair/Commissioner May 14, 2015

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 7, 2014, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of FEI Tariff Supplement J-3, including the rate design and the rates established in the Permanent Refueling Agreement and subsequent Amending Agreements between Vedder Transport Ltd. (Vedder) and FEI on a permanent basis, effective January 1, 2013. On February 27, 2014, pursuant to Order G-22-14, the Commission approved the Vedder rates on a permanent basis;
- B. On April 1, 2014, FEI and Wheeler Transport Ltd. (Wheeler) executed a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Fueling Services Agreement whereby Wheeler would be permitted to receive LNG from the Vedder fueling station (Wheeler from Vedder Agreement);
- C. On May 16, 2014, FEI applied for interim and permanent approval of the rates and contract for service established in the Wheeler from Vedder Agreement, effective April 1, 2014 (Application);
- D. On June 3, 2014, the Commission issued Order G-69-14, pursuant to sections 59-61 and 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, approving rates established in the Wheeler from Vedder Agreement for LNG fueling service from the Vedder fueling station on an interim basis, effective April 1, 2014;
- E. On April 6, 2015, FEI and Wheeler entered into an Amending Agreement to align the effective date of rate escalation with the rate escalation date applicable to the Vedder fueling station, which is January 1st of each year;
- F. On May 8, 2015, FEI filed an updated Tariff Supplement J-11 to reflect the January 1st rate escalation date amendment to the Wheeler from Vedder Agreement effective April 1, 2014; and

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G. The Commission has reviewed and considered the Application and determines the interim rates should be approved as permanent.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 59-61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders that the rates and contract for Liquefied Natural Gas Supply from the Vedder Transport Ltd. fueling station for Wheeler Transport Ltd. are approved on a permanent basis, effective April 1, 2014.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this

14th

day of May 2015.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

K. A. Keilty
Panel Chair/Commissioner