



**ORDER NUMBER
G-108-16**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Application for Approval of 2017-2018 Revenue Requirements and Rates
for the Fort Nelson Service Area

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Panel Chair/Commissioner
D. J. Enns, Commissioner

on July 11, 2016

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 30, 2016, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) submitted its 2017-2018 Revenue Requirements and Rates Application for the Fort Nelson service area with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission), pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, seeking, among other things, Commission approval of delivery rates for the 2017 and 2018 test periods (Application);
- B. FEI forecasts a revenue deficiency of \$301 thousand in 2017 and an incremental revenue surplus of \$146 thousand in 2018, which, without rate smoothing, results in a delivery rate increase of approximately 13.50 percent in 2017 and an incremental delivery rate reduction of approximately 6.44 percent in 2018;
- C. FEI proposes to smooth the delivery rate impact over the two-year test periods by recording \$148 thousand of the 2017 revenue deficiency in a non-rate base deferral account for recovery in 2018, resulting in a revenue deficiency of \$153 thousand in 2017 and an incremental revenue deficiency of \$150 thousand in 2018, and delivery rate increases of 6.86 percent in 2017 and an additional 6.94 percent in 2018;
- D. On July 8, 2016, FEI filed a letter notifying the Commission that as part of FEI's upcoming rate design application, FEI is holding a workshop in Fort Nelson at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at the Northern Rockies Regional Recreation Centre. There will be FEI personnel in attendance at the workshop to answer any questions or discuss any matters related to the Application; and
- E. The Commission considers establishing a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application to be warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

1. The regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

2. Interveners who wish to participate in the regulatory proceeding are to register with the Commission by completing a Request to Intervene Form, available on the Commission's website at <http://www.bcuc.com/Registration-Intervener-1.aspx>, by the date established in the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this order and in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.
3. FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) is to provide a copy of this order, electronically where possible, to all parties who participated in the FEI Fort Nelson 2015-2016 Revenue Requirements and Rates Application proceeding.
4. FortisBC Energy Inc. must publish in display-ad format, as soon as possible, the Notice of Application attached as Appendix B to this order, in such appropriate news publications as may properly provide adequate notice to the public in the Fort Nelson service area.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this *11th* day of July 2016.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner

Attachments

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2016)
Intervener registration	Monday, July 25
FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) 2016 Rate Design Application Workshop in Fort Nelson	Wednesday, July 27
Commission and Intervener Information Requests No. 1	Thursday, August 11
FEI Responses to Information Requests No. 1	Thursday, September 1
Letters of Comment	Thursday, September 1
FEI Final Argument	Friday, September 9
Intervener Final Arguments	Friday, September 23
FEI Reply Argument	Friday, September 30



Public Notice of FortisBC Energy Inc. Application for Approval of 2017-2018 Revenue Requirements and Rates for the Fort Nelson Service Area

On June 30, 2016, FortisBC Energy Inc. applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of delivery rates for 2017-2018 for the Fort Nelson service area (Application) pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*. The Application seeks approval, among other things, to increase delivery rates by 6.86 percent in 2017 and by an additional 6.94 percent in 2018.

How to get involved

Persons who are directly or sufficiently affected by the Commission's decision or have relevant information or expertise and that wish to actively participate in the proceeding can request intervener status by submitting a completed Request to Intervene Form by Monday, July 25. Forms are available on the Commission's website at www.bcuc.com. Interveners will receive notification of all non-confidential correspondence and filed documentation, and should provide an email address if available.

Persons not expecting to participate, but who have an interest in the proceeding, should register as interested parties through the Commission's website. Interested parties receive electronic notice of submissions and the decision when it is released.

Letters of comment may also be submitted using the Letter of Comment Form found online at www.bcuc.com. By participating and/or providing comment on the application, you agree to your comments being placed on the public record and posted on the Commission's website. All submissions and/or correspondence received, including letters of comment are placed on the public record, posted on the Commission's website, and provided to the Panel and all participants in the proceeding.

For more information about becoming involved in a Commission proceeding please see the Rules of Practice and Procedure available at www.bcuc.com. Alternatively, persons can request a copy of the Rules of Practice and Procedure in writing. All forms are available on the Commission's website or can be requested in writing.

FortisBC Energy Inc. is holding a workshop in Fort Nelson as part of its upcoming rate design application and will also be answering questions related to the Application. The workshop details are as follows:

Date:	Wednesday, July 27, 2016
Time:	Commencing at 9:00 a.m.
Location:	Northern Rockies Regional Recreation Centre 5500 Alaska Highway Fort Nelson, BC V0C 1R0
Registration:	gas.regulatory.affairs@fortisbc.com

View the application

The Application and all supporting documentation are available on the Commission's website on the "Current Applications" page. If you would like to review the material in hard copy, it is available to be viewed at the locations below:

<p>British Columbia Utilities Commission Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3 Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com Telephone: 604-660-4700 Toll Free: 1-800-663-1385</p>	<p>FortisBC Energy Inc. 16705 Fraser Highway Surrey, BC V4N 0E8 gas.regulatory.affairs@fortisbc.com</p>
<p>Town of Fort Nelson Municipal Offices 5319 – 50th Avenue South Fort Nelson, BC V0C 1R0</p>	

For more information please contact Ms. Laurel Ross, Acting Commission Secretary using the contact information above.