



ORDER NUMBER
G-147-16

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
2015 System Extension Application

BEFORE:

K. A. Keilty, Panel Chair/Commissioner
I. F. MacPhail, Commissioner
D. M. Morton, Commissioner

on September 16, 2016

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 30, 2015, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of changes to its mains extension test (MX Test), customer connection policies and related reporting requirements (Application);
- B. Ten interveners registered for this proceeding:
 - Commercial Energy Consumers Association of BC;
 - British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority;
 - British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organizations *et al.*;
 - BC Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of British Columbia;
 - Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.;
 - Peace River Regional District Electoral Area B;
 - Linda Larson, MLA Boundary Similkameen;
 - Vancouver Island Economic Alliance;
 - Regional District of the Okanagan Similkameen Electoral Area B; and
 - Seabird Island Band;
- C. One party registered as an interested party: Katrine Conroy, MLA Kootenay West, and three parties provided letters of comment: the City of Port Alberni, the District of Saanich and the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce;
- D. The Application was reviewed through two rounds of Commission and intervener information requests, written arguments, one round of Panel information requests, and supplemental written arguments; and
- E. The Commission reviewed the Application, the evidence and the submissions of the parties and finds that changes to FEI's MX Test, customer connection policies and related reporting requirements are warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 29, 30 and 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* and for the reasons contained in the decision issued concurrently with this order, the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

1. Changes to FortisBC Energy Inc.'s mains extension test, customer connection policies and related reporting requirements as described in the decision accompanying this order are approved.
2. FortisBC Energy Inc. is directed to file black-line changes to its General Terms and Conditions that are consistent with the decision accompanying this order and to do so within 30 days of the date of the decision.
3. FortisBC Energy Inc. is to comply with all directives and determinations set out in the decision accompanying this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16th day of September 2016.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By

K. A. Keilty
Commissioner