



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER C-11-11**

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

and

An Application by FortisBC Energy Inc.
for Approval of an Operating Agreement with the District of Sparwood

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
D. Morton, Commissioner October 20, 2011
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS:

- A. British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) Order C-4-93 approved a Standard Form Franchise Agreement (Franchise Agreement) between BC Gas Utility Ltd. (BC Gas) and the District of Sparwood (Municipality) dated August 6, 1991. The Franchise Agreement expired on September 9, 2011;
- B. On September 27, 2011, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) [formerly known as BC Gas and Terasen Gas Inc.] applied to the Commission for approval of an Operating Agreement (Agreement) between FEI and the Municipality, effective September 9, 2011 (Application);
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and considers that approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission, pursuant to section 45 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, approves the Operating Agreement as filed.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20th of October 2011.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. Morton
Commissioner