

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-83-12**

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

and

**An Application by the FortisBC Energy Utilities
(comprising FortisBC Energy Inc., FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc., and FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc.)
for Approval of Common Rates, Amalgamation and Rate Design**

BEFORE: A.A. Rhodes, Panel Chair/Commissioner
D.A. Cote, Commissioner June 18, 2012
L. O'Hara, Commissioner
R.D. Revel, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 11, 2012, the FortisBC Energy Utilities (FEU or the Companies) filed an Application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) seeking, among other things:
- A Commission determination and report pursuant to section 53 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the Act) that the amalgamation of the FEU is beneficial in the public interest,
 - referral of the Commission report to the Lieutenant Governor in Council in support of an Order for approval to amalgamate effective January 1, 2014; and
 - The necessary approvals pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the Act to adopt common or "postage stamp" rates and uniform services across all areas served by the FEU following amalgamation;
- B. Commission Order G-46-12 established a preliminary Regulatory Timetable; and
- C. A Procedural Conference was held on Friday, June 15, 2012 at which the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order was established.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A Regulatory Timetable as set out in Appendix "A" to this Order is established.

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2. Further process will be determined following the second Procedural Conference to be held at 9:00 am, Thursday, August 2, 2012 at the Commission Hearing Room located at the Twelfth Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 18th day of June 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.A. Rhodes
Panel Chair/Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2012)
Commission and Intervener Information Request (IR) No. 2 to FEU	Wednesday, June 27
FEU Response to IR No. 2	Monday, July 23
Filing of Intervener Evidence	Tuesday, July 31
Procedural Conference	9:00 am, Thursday, August 2
IRs to Interveners on Intervener Evidence	Thursday, August 16
Interveners and Interested Parties Registration	Thursday, August 23
Filing of Participant Assistance/Cost Award Budgets	Thursday, August 23
Intervener Response to IRs	Thursday, August 30
FEU Rebuttal Evidence	Friday, September 7

Procedural Conference Location:
Commission Hearing Room
Twelfth Floor, 1125 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC