



**ORDER NUMBER
G-173-16**

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
Order G-162-16 Rates and Final Financial Schedules Compliance Filing

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on November 29, 2016

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 9, 2016, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission), pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, issued Order G-162-16 and accompanying Reasons for Decision, approving for FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) a delivery rate increase of 6.86 percent effective January 1, 2017 and an additional delivery rate increase of 6.94 percent effective January 1, 2018 for the Fort Nelson service area (FEFN);
- B. Order G-162-16 also directed FEI to file as a compliance filing the finalized financial schedules for the 2017 and 2018 test periods;
- C. On November 23, 2016, FEI filed its compliance filing (Compliance Filing). As part of the Compliance Filing, FEI requested approval to amend the rate increases approved by Order G-162-16 due to adjustments to the shared services fee from FEI to FEFN based on the October 5, 2016 Evidentiary Update in the FEI Annual Review for 2017 Delivery Rates proceeding. The change results in a decrease to the FEFN 2017 revenue requirements of \$6 thousand and a further decrease to the 2018 revenue requirements of \$2 thousand, which reduces the 2017 and 2018 delivery rate increases to 6.68 percent and 6.66 percent, respectively; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Compliance Filing and considers that approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 99 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders that Directive 1 of Order G-162-16 is varied to approve FortisBC Energy Inc.'s delivery rate increase of 6.68 percent effective January 1, 2017 and an additional delivery rate increase of 6.66 percent, effective January 1, 2018, for the Fort Nelson service area.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29th day of November 2016.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner