



ORDER NUMBER
G-30-17

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
2016 Rate Design Application

BEFORE:

K. A. Keilty, Commissioner/Panel Chair
W. M. Everett QC, Commissioner
D. J. Enns, Commissioner

on March 2, 2017

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 19, 2016, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed its 2016 Rate Design Application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) and on February 2, 2017, FEI provided a supplemental filing which included a review of the rate design for the Fort Nelson service area (together the Application);
- B. On January 20, 2017, by Order G-6-17, the Commission established a public hearing process for the review of the Application and issued a regulatory timetable which included workshops and outlined that further process will be determined at a later date;
- C. On February 21, 2017, the Commission issued a letter (Exhibit A-4) explaining that Commission staff retained an independent consultant, Elenchus Research Associates Inc. (Elenchus), to produce two independent reports, a Cost of Service Allocation (COSA) Report and a Rate Design Report, which will form part of the evidentiary record;
- D. The Commission estimates that the COSA Report will be filed towards the end of April 2017 and that the Rate Design Report will be filed towards the end of June 2017; and
- E. The Commission considers that further regulatory process should be established and should include two procedural conferences: the first to seek input regarding the key topics for the Rate Design Report; and the second to seek input regarding further process after the responses to the first information requests have been filed.

NOW THEREFORE the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders that the review of the FortisBC Energy Inc. 2016 Rate Design Application proceed in accordance with the regulatory timetable set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 2nd day of March 2017.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

K. A. Keilty
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2017)
Procedural Conference on the Rate Design Report key topics*	Wednesday, April 5, 9:00 a.m.
Elenchus' Cost of Service Allocation Report	Wednesday, April 26
Commission Information Request No. 1 to FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)	Thursday, May 4
Intervener Information Request No. 1 to FEI	Thursday, May 11
Information Request to Elenchus on COSA Report	Wednesday, May 24
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Budgets	Wednesday, May 24
FEI Response to Information Request No. 1	Friday, June 9
Elenchus Response to Information Request on COSA Report	Friday, June 9
Elenchus' Rate Design Report	Friday, June 23
Intervener Notice on Filing Intervener Evidence	Wednesday, June 28
Procedural Conference - on further process*	Wednesday, July 5, 9:00 a.m.
Further process	To be determined

*Location: Commission Hearing Room
12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC