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ORDER NUMBER E-5-18

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

and

FortisBC Inc.

Application for Acceptance of Energy Supply Contract with Zellstoff Celgar Limited Partnership

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner R. D. Revel, Commissioner

on February 1, 2018

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 31, 2017, pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), FortisBC Inc. (FBC) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) an energy supply contract between FBC and Zellstoff Celgar Limited Partnership (Celgar) dated September 1, 2017, for the Commission's acceptance (Application);
- B. By Order G-61-12 dated May 17, 2012, the Commission approved the Rules for Energy Supply Contracts for Electricity (Rules). The Rules facilitate the Commission's review of energy supply contracts for electricity and proposed energy supply contracts for electricity under section 71 of the UCA;
- C. On March 15, 2017, FBC entered into a General Service Agreement with Celgar (Agreement);
- D. By Letter L-6-17 dated April 27, 2017, the Commission accepted FBC's 2017/2018 Annual Electric Contracting Plan (AECP);
- E. The energy supply contract in the Application is for the purchase of surplus energy from Celgar that is not used by Celgar to meet load and not sold to the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority;
- F. FBC requests that the information in the Application and the Agreement be kept confidential due to its commercially sensitive nature. FBC provided notice of its filing and a redacted version of the Agreement to interveners in the Annual Review for 2018 Rates application proceeding; and
- G. The Commission reviewed the filing and is satisfied that the Agreement is in the public interest and consistent with FBC's 2017/2018 AECP and that the information in the filing should be kept confidential.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 71 of the UCA, the Commission accepts the energy supply contract between FBC and Celgar dated September 1, 2017. The Commission will keep the Application and the Agreement confidential due to their commercially sensitive nature.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 1st day of February 2018.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan Commissioner