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ORDER NUMBER G-29-18

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

Rate Schedule 46 – Liquefied Natural Gas Sales, Dispensing and Transportation Service Application for Permanent Rates and Revised Tariff Pages effective January 1, 2018

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on February 1, 2018

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 19, 2018, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for the revised Rate Schedule 46 Table of Charges for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Transportation Service and Table of Charges for LNG Service (collectively the Tables of Charges) to be made permanent, effective January 1, 2018. In addition, FEI proposed amendments to Rate Schedule 46, updating the contact information and adding an annual contract demand allocation option for customers (Application);
- B. On December 12, 2013, the Commission issued Order G-211-13 approving Rate Schedule 46, effective December 12, 2013, in accordance with Order in Council (OIC) 557, B.C. Regulation 245/2013, deposited November 28, 2013, and Direction No. 5 to the Commission;
- C. On December 24, 2014, the Commission issued Order G-207-14, effective January 1, 2015, approving amendments to Rate Schedule 46, in accordance with OIC 749, B.C. Regulation 265/2014, deposited December 22, 2014 and amendments to Direction No. 5;
- D. On May 4, 2017, the Commission issued Order G-65-17, effective May 4, 2017, approving further amendments to Rate Schedule 46, in accordance with section 5 (1.2) of OIC 162, B.C. Regulation 115/2017, deposited March 22, 2017 and amendments to Direction No. 5;
- E. Certain charges contained in the Tables of Charges are to be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted as required, using the greater of two percent or British Columbia Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for the period of November of the prior year to November of the current year, which is not available until late December;

- F. On November 24, 2017, due to the timing of the release of CPI November data, FEI applied to the Commission for the existing Rate Schedule 46 Table of Charges to be made interim, effective January 1, 2018;
- G. On January 18, 2018, the Commission issued Order G-14-18, approving the Rate Schedule 46 Table of Charges for LNG Transportation Services and Table of Charges for LNG Service on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2018;
- H. The Commission has reviewed FEI's Application and finds that approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Special Direction No. 5, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The proposed amendments, including the revised rates and tariff pages, as applied for by FortisBC Energy Inc. for Rate Schedule 46 are approved on a permanent basis, effective January 1, 2018.
- 2. The variance between the interim rates and the permanent rates are to be recovered, with interest at the average prime rate of FortisBC Energy Inc.'s principal bank for its most recent year.

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