



**ORDER NUMBER
G-33-18**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
2017 Long Term Gas Resource Plan

BEFORE:

K. A. Keilty, Commissioner/Panel Chair
A. K. Fung, QC, Commissioner
R. D. Revel, Commissioner

on February 7, 2018

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 14, 2017, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed its 2017 Long Term Gas Resource Plan (LTGRP) for acceptance by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with section 44.1(2) of the *Utilities Commission Act*;
- B. FEI's 2017 LTGRP presents FEI's long term view of the demand-side and supply-side resources identified to meet expected future natural gas demand and reliability requirements taking into consideration the cost to FEI's customers over the 20-year planning horizon (2017-2036). The 2017 LTGRP includes a 20-year vision for FEI and culminates in an Action Plan that describes activities that FEI intends to pursue over the next four years;
- C. In order to inform the 2017 LTGRP, FEI offered stakeholders the opportunity to participate in discussions including, but not limited to, workshops with a resource planning advisory group, community engagement workshops and dialogue with First Nations, industry associations and other advisory groups;
- D. FEI's previous LTGRP, the FortisBC Energy Utilities 2014 Long Term Resource Plan, was accepted by the Commission by Order G-189-14 on December 3, 2014;
- E. Section 44.1(5) of the *Utilities Commission Act* provides that the Commission may establish a process to review long term resource plans; and
- F. The Commission considers that a public hearing process for the review of FEI's 2017 LTGRP is warranted and that a regulatory timetable should be established.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 44.1(5) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

1. A written public hearing process is established for the review of the FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) 2017 Long Term Gas Resource Plan (Application) in accordance with the regulatory timetable set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. By no later than February 23, 2018, FEI is to publish the Public Notice attached as Appendix B to this order, in display-ad format, in the appropriate local news publications to provide adequate notice to the public.
3. As soon as is reasonably possible, FEI is directed to publish the Application, this order, and the regulatory timetable on its website and to provide a copy of the Application and this order to:
 - a. All invitees and attendees of the stakeholder engagement process outlined in Section 7 of the Application; and
 - b. Registered interveners and interested parties in the:
 - i. FortisBC Energy Utilities 2014 Long Term Resource Plan proceeding;
 - ii. FEI 2017 Price Risk Management proceeding; and
 - iii. FEI Annual Review for 2018 Delivery Rates proceeding.
4. Intervenors who wish to participate in the regulatory proceeding are to register with the Commission by completing a Request to Intervene Form, available on the Commission's website at <http://www.bcuc.com/get-involved/get-involved-proceeding.html>, by the date established in the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order, and in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached to Order G-1-16.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of February 2018.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

K. A. Keilty
Commissioner

Attachments

FortisBC Energy Inc.
2017 Long Term Gas Resource Plan

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2018)
FEI to publish Public Notice	Friday, February 23
Intervener registration deadline	Friday, March 9
Commission Information Request (IR) No. 1 to FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)	Friday, March 16
Intervener IR No. 1 to FEI	Friday, April 6
Filing of Participant Assistance Cost Award Budgets	Friday, April 13
FEI Responses to IR No. 1	Thursday, May 3
Commission and Intervener IR No. 2 to FEI	Tuesday, May 29
Deadline for Intervener Notice on Filing Intervener Evidence	Thursday, May 31
FEI Response to IR No. 2	Friday, June 22
Further Process	To be determined



PUBLIC NOTICE

FortisBC Energy Inc. 2017 Long Term Gas Resource Plan

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

There are a number of ways to participate in a matter before the Commission:

- **Submit a letter of comment**
- **Register as an interested party**
- **Request intervener status**

For more information, or to find the forms for any of the options above, please visit our website at the link below or contact us using the information below.

<http://www.bcuc.com/get-involved/get-involved-proceeding.html>

All submissions received, including letters of comment, are placed on the public record, posted on the Commission's website and provided to the Panel and all participants in the proceeding.

NEXT STEPS

1. **Intervener registration** Persons who are directly or sufficiently affected by the Commission's decision or have relevant information or expertise and that wish to actively participate in the proceeding can request intervener status by submitting a completed Request to Intervene Form by **Friday, March, 9, 2018**.

GET MORE INFORMATION

All documents filed on the public record are available on the "Current Proceedings" page of the Commission's website at www.bcuc.com.

If you would like to review the material in hard copy, or if you have any other inquiries, please contact Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary, at the following contact information.

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