



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**E-13-18**

IN THE MATTER OF  
the *Utilities Commission Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.  
Section 71 Filing of a GasEDI Base Contract with  
Canbriam Energy Inc.

**BEFORE:**

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

on April 19, 2018

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On March 9, 2018, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) a copy of a fully-executed GasEDI Base Contract including (i) the cover sheet, and (ii) amendments called “Special Provisions to The GasEDI Contract for Short-Term Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas,” negotiated between Canbriam Energy Inc. (Canbriam) and FEI (all together referred to as the Contract);
- B. By Order G-130-06 dated October 27, 2006, the BCUC approved the Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts (Rules). The Rules are intended to facilitate the BCUC’s review of Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts pursuant to Section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA);
- C. FEI uses the GasEDI Base Contract dated October 26, 2000, together with FEI’s standard provisions, as the starting point for negotiations with counterparties with whom FEI wishes to execute off-system sales or purchases agreements. The GasEDI Base Contract and FEI’s standard provisions are set out in Rate Schedule 30, as approved by Order G-197-11 dated November 24, 2011, and subsequently updated through Order G-19-16 dated February 11, 2016;
- D. The GasEDI Base Contract and the provisions executed with the counterparty form the underlying basis of the contract with the counterparty. Each gas purchase or sale transaction is then confirmed via a transaction confirmation deal sheet described in section 9 of the GasEDI Base Contract and presented on page R-30.19 of FEI’s Rate Schedule 30;
- E. By Letter L-15-17 dated June 28, 2017, the BCUC accepted the FEI Annual Contracting Plan (ACP) for the 2017/18 gas year commencing on November 1, 2017;

- F. FEI requests that the details of the Contract be kept confidential due to its commercially sensitive nature and to ensure that FEI's ability to obtain favourable commercial terms for future natural gas contracting is not impaired; and
- G. The BCUC has reviewed the filing and is satisfied that the Contract is consistent with FEI's 2017/18 ACP and is in the public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 71 of the UCA and the Rules, the BCUC accepts for filing the GasEDI Base Contract between FEI and Canbriam. The BCUC will keep the filing confidential as it contains commercially sensitive information.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D. J. Enns  
Commissioner