



**ORDER NUMBER
G-219-18**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Application for Acceptance of the Biogas Purchase Agreement
Between FortisBC Energy Inc. and the City of Vancouver

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair/Commissioner
A. Fung, QC, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on November 16, 2018

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 21, 2018, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), on a confidential basis, an application for acceptance of a Biogas Purchase Agreement (BPA) between FEI and the City of Vancouver pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (Application);
- B. Under the BPA, FEI intends to: purchase raw biogas (such as landfill gas) from the City of Vancouver; construct and operate facilities to upgrade landfill gas to biomethane (i.e. renewable natural gas); and construct interconnection facilities including a 500 metre pipeline to connect to FEI's existing natural gas distribution system;
- C. On October 31, 2018, the BCUC issued a letter requesting FEI to file a non-confidential redacted version of the Application and the BPA, pursuant to section 18.01(b) of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure to allow for a public hearing process;
- D. On November 2, 2018, FEI filed a non-confidential redacted version of the Application and the BPA; and
- E. The BCUC has commenced the review of the Application and considers that a regulatory timetable should be established.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. The establishment of a public hearing process in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

2. A procedural conference will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m., at the BCUC Hearing Room on the 12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16th day of November 2018.

BY ORDER

Original Signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action		Date (2018)
Intervener Registration		Tuesday, December 4
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1		Tuesday, December 11
Action		Date (2019)
FEI responses to BCUC IR No. 1		Thursday, January 3
Procedural Conference*		Thursday, January 10 commencing at 9:00 a.m.
Further process		To be determined

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