



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-240-18**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.  
Application regarding the  
2019 Core Market Administration Expense Budget

**BEFORE:**

R. I. Mason, Commissioner  
D. J. Enns, Commissioner  
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on December 13, 2018

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On November 7, 2018, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) submitted its 2019 Core Market Administration Expense (CMAE) Budget Application (Application), requesting the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to approve the following, pursuant to section 61(4) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA):
- Approval of the 2019 CMAE budget of \$5,080,000; and
  - Approval of the allocation of the 2019 CMAE between the Commodity Cost Reconciliation Account (CCRA) and Midstream Cost Reconciliation Account (MCRA), based on the existing allocation percentages of 30 percent and 70 percent, respectively;
- B. By Order G-79-14, dated June 18, 2014, the BCUC approved the FEI 2014 CMAE budget and determined, among other things, that until such time as FEI files its next revenue requirements application, FEI is directed to submit future CMAE budgets separately to the BCUC at least two weeks prior to the fourth quarter gas cost report to allow sufficient time for the BCUC to review the CMAE budget and to determine if sufficient variances from the previous CMAE budget warranted a more fulsome review;
- C. By Order G-26-18, dated January 25, 2018, the BCUC approved the FEI 2018 CMAE budget; and
- D. The BCUC has reviewed the Application and considers that the approvals requested are warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 61(4) of the UCA, BCUC orders as follows:

1. The FEI 2019 CMAE budget of \$5,080,000 is approved.
2. The allocation of the 2019 CMAE between the CCRA and MCRA is approved based on the allocation percentages of 30 percent and 70 percent, respectively.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

R. I. Mason  
Commissioner