



**ORDER NUMBER
G-33-19**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) Application for Approval of an Operating Agreement
between the Corporation of the City of Kamloops and FEI

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on February 13, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 6, 2019, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of an operating agreement dated January 17, 2019, entered into between the Corporation of the City of Kamloops (Kamloops) and FEI (the FEI-Kamloops Operating Agreement or Application);
- B. FEI (through predecessor company BC Gas Utility Ltd.) and Kamloops entered into a Standard Form Franchise Agreement dated February 25, 1998, approved by BCUC Order C-7-98, which expires on February 14, 2019;
- C. Despite the terms of the executed FEI-Kamloops Operating Agreement, FEI and Kamloops have agreed to request that the BCUC direct the final form of the FEI-Kamloops Operating Agreement be the same as the final form determined by the BCUC in the 2018 Application for Approval of an Operating Agreement between the City of Kelowna and FEI proceeding (FEI-Kelowna Operating Agreement) currently before the BCUC;
- D. FEI requests interim approval of the FEI-Kamloops Operating Agreement until a final determination is made by the BCUC in the FEI-Kelowna Operating Agreement proceeding.
- E. The BCUC has reviewed the Application and considers that approval on an interim basis is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE under section 23(1)(g) and section 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC issues interim approval of the FEI-Kamloops Operating Agreement until the Panel reaches a final determination on the Application.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of February 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner