



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-175-13**

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

and

a Compliance Filing by FortisBC Energy Inc.
Commission Order E-13-13
Revised Capital Expenditures Estimate for Interconnection Facilities
for the Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District Biomethane Project

BEFORE: L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner October 24, 2013

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 16, 2013, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) an application (Application) under section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) for acceptance of an executed Biomethane Purchase Agreement between FEI and Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD) dated October 16, 2012 (Agreement);
- B. In the Application, FEI also requested the acceptance under Section 44.2 of the UCA of capital costs of \$739,000 for the interconnection facilities associated with the Agreement;
- C. On August 23, 2013 Commission Order G-130-13 established a Regulatory Timetable for review of the Application by way of a Streamlined Review Process (SRP);
- D. The SRP for the review of the Application took place on September 25, 2013. FEI and the following Registered Interveners participated: GVS&DD, the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia, B.C. Sustainable Energy Association, and Paradigm Environmental Technologies Inc.;
- E. On September 30, 2013, the Commission issued Order E-13-13 and accompanying Reasons in which the Commission accepted the Agreement for filing under Section 71 but did not accept capital expenditures of \$739,000 related to the interconnection facilities required for the GVS&DD project. In Order E-13-13 the Commission stated that it would accept capital expenditures of \$611,000 or less;
- F. On October 21, 2013, FEI filed a revised capital expenditures estimate for interconnection facilities for the GVS&DD biomethane project of \$604,000 (Compliance Filing); and

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G. The Commission has considered the Compliance Filing and determined that the revised capital expenditures are in the public interest and should be accepted.

NOW THEREFORE the pursuant to Section 44.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

1. Capital expenditures of \$604,000 related to the interconnection facilities required for the GVS&DD project are in the public interest and are accepted.
2. FortisBC Energy Inc. is to provide a copy of this Order to each of the Registered Interveners in the proceeding.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of October 2013.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara
Commissioner