



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER E-1-14**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Filing of the Special Provisions for the
MIECO Inc. Gas Electronic Data Interchange Base Contract

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner February 6, 2014
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner
D.M. Morton, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. By Letter L-43-13 dated July 11, 2013, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) accepted FortisBC Energy Inc.'s (FEI) 2013/14 Annual Contracting Plan (ACP);
- B. On January 16, 2014, FEI filed with the Commission a fully executed copy of a Gas Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Base Contract with amendments called "Standard Provisions to the GasEDI Contract for Short-Term Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas" negotiated between FEI and MIECO Inc. The contract contained no changes to FEI's Standard Provisions to the GasEDI Base Contract;
- C. FEI uses the GasEDI Base Contract dated October 26, 2000, together with FEI's set of Standard Provisions, as the starting point for negotiation with counterparties with whom FEI wishes to execute off-system sale or purchase agreements. As special provisions are subject to negotiation, the final agreed special provisions can vary from FEI's Standard Provisions. The GasEDI Base Contract and FEI's Standard Provisions are set out in Rate Schedule 30 as approved by British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) Order G-197-11 dated November 28, 2011. Each gas purchase or sale transaction is then confirmed via a Transaction Confirmation deal sheet described in section 9 of the GasEDI Base Contract;
- D. FEI has requested that the details of the subject filing be kept confidential due to their commercially sensitive nature; and

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- E. The Commission reviewed the FEI filing and is satisfied that the Special Provisions to the GasEDI Base Contract for Short Term Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas between FEI and MIECO Inc. are consistent with the FEI 2013/14 ACP and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* and the British Columbia Utilities Commission's Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts, the Commission accepts for filing the executed copy of the Special Provisions of the GasEDI Base Contract negotiated between FortisBC Energy Inc. and MIECO Inc. for the Short Term Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas. The Commission will keep the FortisBC Energy Inc. filing and associated documents confidential to protect commercially sensitive information.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 6th day of February 2014.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner