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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER G-56-14**

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

and

an Application by FortisBC Energy Utilities  
(comprised of FortisBC Energy Inc., FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc.  
and FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc.)  
for Acceptance of the 2014 Long Term Resource Plan

**BEFORE:** D.A. Cote, Commissioner  
C.A. Brown, Commissioner  
H.G. Harowitz, Commissioner April 16, 2014  
I.F. MacPhail, Commissioner  
D.M. Morton, Commissioner

### **O R D E R**

#### **WHEREAS:**

- A. On March 25, 2014, FortisBC Energy Utilities (FEU), comprised of FortisBC Energy Inc., FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc. and FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc., filed their 2014 Long Term Resource Plan (2014 LTRP) pursuant to section 44.1 of the *Utilities Commission Act* for acceptance by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission);
- B. The 2014 LTRP presents a long term view of how FEU will meet future demand and reliability requirements at the lowest reasonable cost to customers over the next 20 years;
- C. The 2014 LTRP discusses the planning environment; energy demand forecasting; demand-side resources; system resource needs and alternatives; gas supply portfolio planning and price risk management and stakeholder engagement. The 2014 LTRP also includes a 20 year vision for FEU and an action plan;
- D. Section 44.1 of the *Utilities Commission Act* provides that the Commission may establish a process to review a long-term resource plan;
- E. The Commission has reviewed FEU's 2014 LTRP and has determined that it should be reviewed by way of a written proceeding.

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**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

1. A Written Hearing Process for the review of FEU's 2014 LTRP in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order has been established.
2. The deadline for Intervener and Interested Parties registration, Commission and Intervener Information Requests No. 1 and No. 2 to FEU and the responses from FEU are set out in the Regulatory Timetable.
3. FEU must publish, within 7 days of the date of this Order, a Public Notice of the Written Hearing Process, in the form attached as Appendix B to this Order, in display-ad format, in the Vancouver Sun newspaper to provide reasonable notice to members of the public who may be affected by the plans outlined in FEU's 2014 LTRP.
4. FEI must provide a copy of this Order to the key parties consulted in FEU's Stakeholder Engagement outlined in Section 7 of FEU's 2014 LTRP.
5. Interveners or Interested Parties should register with the Commission, in writing or electronic submission, by Friday, May 16, 2014. Interveners should specifically state the nature of their interest in FEU's 2014 LTRP and identify generally the nature of the issues that they intend to pursue during the proceeding and the nature and extent of their anticipated involvement in the review process.
6. Interveners intending to apply for participant assistance must submit a budget estimate by Friday, June 6, 2014, consistent with the Commission's Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines and Order G-72-07. Copies of the Guidelines are available upon request or can be downloaded from the Commission's website at [www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com).
7. Interveners intending to file Intervener Evidence must submit their Notice of Intention by Thursday, August 7, 2014. The Intervener Evidence must be submitted to the Commission Secretary by Thursday, August 14, 2014. If a Notice of Intention is received from an Intervener, the Commission will amend the Regulatory Timetable to accommodate the filing of Intervener Evidence.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D.A. Cote  
Commissioner

Attachments

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**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

ACTION	DATE (2014)
Deadline for Registration of Interveners and Interested Parties	Friday, May 16
Commission Information Request No. 1	Friday, May 23
Intervener Information Request No. 1	Friday, May 30
Filing of Participant Assistance Cost Award Budgets	Friday, June 6
FEU Responses to Information Requests No. 1	Thursday, June 19
Commission and Intervener Information Requests No. 2	Monday, July 14
FEU Responses to Information Requests No. 2	Thursday, July 31
Intervener Notice of Intention regarding filing of Intervener Evidence	Thursday, August 7
Deadline for Letters of Comment	Thursday, August 7
FEU Final Argument	Monday, August 18
Intervener Final Argument	Wednesday, September 3
FEU Reply Argument	Wednesday, September 17

# PUBLIC NOTICE

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION



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## FORTISBC ENERGY UTILITIES<sup>1</sup> FILING OF THE 2014 LONG TERM RESOURCE PLAN

### THE APPLICATION

On March 25, 2014, FortisBC Energy Utilities (FEU), filed their 2014 Long Term Resource Plan (2014 LTRP) for acceptance by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission).

FEU's 2014 LTRP presents a long term view of how FEU will meet future demand and reliability requirements at the lowest reasonable cost to customers over the next 20 years. The 2014 LTRP discusses the planning environment; energy demand forecasting; demand-side resources; system resource needs and alternatives; gas supply portfolio planning and price risk management and stakeholder engagement. The 2014 LTRP also includes a 20 year vision for FEU and an action plan.

### THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Commission Order G-56-14 established a Regulatory Timetable for the review of FEU's 2014 LTRP by way of a Written Hearing Process.

The Regulatory Timetable can be reviewed on the Commission's website at: [www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com)>Current Applications>FEU 2014 Long Term Resource Plan.

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Persons wishing to actively participate in the proceeding must register as Interveners through the Commission's website at [www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com) by Friday, May 16, 2014. In their registration, Interveners must identify the issues that they intend to pursue and indicate the extent of their anticipated involvement in the review process. Interveners will each receive a copy of all non-confidential correspondence and filed documentation, and must provide an email address if available. Parties must explain how their interests or their clients' interests are affected and should be able to reference their interests with respect to the scope in the Application.

Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the proceeding, should register as Interested Parties through the Commission's website or in writing, by Friday, May 16, 2014, identifying their interest in the proceeding.

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<sup>1</sup> Comprised of FortisBC Energy Inc., FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc. and FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc.

By participating and/or providing comment on the Application, you agree that all submissions will be placed on the public record and posted on the Commission's website.

For more information on ways to get involved in the review, please visit [www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com) and click "How to Get Involved" under "Quick Links" on the home page.

**VIEW THE APPLICATION**

The Application and all supporting documentation are available on the Commission's website on the "Current Applications" page. If you would like to review the material in hard copy, it is available to be viewed at the locations below:

<p><b>British Columbia Utilities Commission</b> Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3 <a href="mailto:Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com">Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com</a> Phone: 604-660-4700 Toll Free: 1-800-663-1385</p>	<p><b>FortisBC Energy Inc.</b> 16705 Fraser Highway Surrey, BC V4N 0E8 <a href="mailto:gas.regulatory.affairs@fortisbc.com">gas.regulatory.affairs@fortisbc.com</a></p>
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER**

For more information or to register please contact Ms. Erica Hamilton, Commission Secretary using the contact information above.