

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

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

and

Application by FortisBC Energy Inc.

for Approval of Rate Design and Rates for providing and operating a Liquefied Natural Gas Mobile Refueling Station under the Province's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Regulation for Wheeler Transport Ltd.

BEFORE: L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner March 11, 2014

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 11, 2013, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order G-56-13 accepting that the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Regulation (GGRR) established the need for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) fueling stations that are undertaken by FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) as prescribed undertakings as defined by the GGRR, and that these prescribed undertaking projects are exempt from the Certification of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) requirements for the term of the GGRR;
- B. Order G-56-13 also confirmed that the Commission will set rates considering FEI's total expenditures on the prescribed undertakings, but will not consider whether FEI ought to have negotiated different terms and conditions for those agreements with CNG or LNG fueling station customers;
- C. On December 12, 2013, the Commission issued Order G-211-13 in response to OIC 557 which directed the Commission to set Rate Schedule 46 LNG Sales, Dispensing and Transportation Service as a rate for FEI. Rate 46 contains the definition of "Tanker means a cryogenic receptacle used for receiving, storing and transporting LNG, including without limitation, portable tankers, ISO containers, or other similar equipment";
- D. On December 17, 2013, FEI and Wheeler Transport Ltd. (Wheeler) entered into a Mobile Re-Fueling Equipment Agreement (Agreement) that establishes terms and conditions for FEI's provision of the LNG fueling service (LNG Fueling Service);

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- E. On February 24, 2014, FEI applied to the Commission, pursuant to sections 59 to 61, and 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (Act), for approval of rate design and rates established in the Agreement (Application) and interim approval;
- F. The Commission reviewed and considered the Application and determines the rate design and rates should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Sections 59-61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The rate design and rates established in the Mobile Re-Fueling Equipment Agreement with Wheeler for LNG Fueling Service, including the Host Fee of \$1.50/GJ, are approved effective February 24, 2014.
- 2. The FortisBC Energy Inc. Rate 46 is varied to eliminate the "LNG Tanker Charge per Day or Partial Day" as related to transportation of the "Fueling Equipment" of the Wheeler Agreement.
- **3.** FEI is to file the Wheeler Agreement in tariff supplement form on a timely basis for endorsement by the Commission.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, In the Province of British Columbia, this

11th

day of March, 2014.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara Commissioner