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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER E-4-14**

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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 Gas Electronic Data Interchange Base Contracts with
PetroChina International (America), Inc. and
PetroChina International (Canada) Trading Ltd.

BEFORE: C.A. Brown, Commissioner
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner
B.A. Magnan, Commissioner February 27, 2014
D.M. Morton, Commissioner
R.D. Revel, 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;
- B. On February 18, 2014, FEI filed two fully executed copies of a Gas Electronic Data Interchange (GasEDI) Base Contract, each including amendments called "Standard Provisions to the GasEDI Contract for Short-Term Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas." These GasEDI Base Contracts were negotiated between FEI and PetroChina International (America), Inc. and between FEI and PetroChina International (Canada) Trading Ltd. Both contracts 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 Standard Provisions, as the starting point for negotiation with counterparties with whom FEI wishes to execute off-system sale or purchase agreements. The GasEDI Base Contract and FEI's Standard Provisions are set out in Rate Schedule 30 as approved by Commission Order G-197-11 dated November 28, 2011. As special provisions to the GasEDI Base Contract are subject to negotiation, the final agreed Special Provisions can vary from FEI's Standard Provisions. The executed Special Provisions, or Standard Provisions if there were no changes, with the counterparty form the underlying basis of the contract. 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 executed GasEDI Base Contracts for Short Term Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas together with the Standard Provisions between FEI and PetroChina International (America), Inc. and between FEI and PetroChina International (Canada) Trading Ltd., respectively, are both consistent with the FEI 2013/14 Annual Contracting Plan 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 copies of the GasEDI Base Contracts for Short Term Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas together with the Standard Provisions negotiated between FortisBC Energy Inc. and PetroChina International (America), Inc. and between FortisBC Energy Inc. and PetroChina International (Canada) Trading Ltd. The Commission will keep the FortisBC Energy Inc. filing and associated documents confidential as requested by FEI, to protect commercially sensitive information.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 27th day of February 2014.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner