



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER E-9-14**

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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 United Energy Trading Canada, ULC Gas Electronic Data Interchange Base Contract

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner
H.G. Harowitz, Commissioner April 24, 2014
I.F. MacPhail, Commissioner
B.A. Magnan, Commissioner
D.M. Morton, Commissioner
C. van Wermeskerken, 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 April 4, 2014 FEI filed with the Commission a fully executed copy of a Gas Electronic Data Interchange (GasEDI) Base Contract, including amendments, called "Standard Provisions to the GasEDI Contract for Short-Term Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas", negotiated between FEI and United Energy Trading Canada, ULC (the Contract). The Contract contains 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 the commercially sensitive nature of the information in the Cover Sheet of the GasEDI Base Contract;

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E. The Commission reviewed the FEI filing and is satisfied that the Contract is consistent with the FEI ACP and is 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 the Contract for filing. The Commission will keep the Cover Sheet in the Contract confidential to protect commercially sensitive information.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of April 2014.

BY ORDER

Original Signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner