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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-105-14**

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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 Common Delivery Rates Methodology

BEFORE: L.A. O'Hara, Panel Chair/Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner July 25, 2014
B.A. Magnan, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 26, 2014, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued its Decision and Order G-21-14 in the FortisBC Energy Utilities (FEU) Application for Reconsideration and Variance of Commission Order G-26-13 on the FortisBC Energy Utilities' Common Rates, Amalgamation and Rate Design Application;
- B. By operation of section 53 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, amalgamation is subject to the consent of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and on May 23, 2014, Order in Council No. 300 consenting to the amalgamation of the FEU was issued. Pursuant to Order G-21-14, the FEU will be amalgamating on December 31, 2014, and common rates will be adopted across the service areas (excluding Fort Nelson) of the amalgamated companies, effective January 1, 2015;
- C. On July 16, 2014, the FEU filed an application with the Commission for approval of the common delivery rates methodology (Application). In addition to other approval requests, the Application seeks approval of the following time sensitive items:
 - the calculation of common delivery rates for 2014 that will be used to compute the 2015 deficiency or surplus at existing 2014 rates, and the resulting 2015 common delivery rates;
 - the calculation of the delivery rate riders required to implement common delivery rates over the three-year phase-in directed by the Commission; and
 - the treatment of costs and savings related to amalgamation including the use of a temporary regulatory account to offset the costs and savings;

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- D. The Commission has initiated its review of FEU's Common Delivery Rates Methodology Application and has determined that it should be reviewed by way of a written proceeding.

NOW THEREFORE the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

1. A Written Hearing Process for the review of FortisBC Energy Utilities' Common Delivery Rates Methodology Application in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order is established.
2. The deadlines for Intervenor Registration, Commission and Intervener Information Request No. 1 to FEU and the responses from FEU are set out in the Regulatory Timetable.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, In the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of July, 2014.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2014)
Intervener Registration	Friday, August 1
Commission Information Request No. 1	Friday, August 8
Intervener Information Request No. 1	Friday, August 15
Filing of Participant Assistance Cost Award Budgets	Friday, August 22
FEU Responses to Information Requests No. 1	Friday, August 22
Intervener Final Submission	Friday, August 29
FEU Final Submission	Friday, September 5