

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

**NUMBER** G-150-14

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

and

An Application by the FortisBC Energy Utilities (FEU) consisting of FortisBC Energy Inc., FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc. and FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc. for Removal of the Restriction on the Location of Data and Servers Providing Service to the FEU

**BEFORE:** L.A. O'Hara, Panel Chair/Commissioner

N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner

K.A. Keilty, Commissioner

September 24, 2014

### ORDER

#### WHEREAS:

- A. On August 1, 2014, the FortisBC Energy Utilities (FEU) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for removal of the restriction on the location of data and servers providing service to the FEU (Application) based on the FEU's view that the restriction is no longer necessary and that removal is required to ensure consistency with other utilities in British Columbia, and to enable the FEU to source information and technology solutions to provide the best value and benefit for customers;
- B. By Order G-126-14 dated August 29, 2014, the Commission established a written public hearing process and a regulatory timetable for the registration of Interveners and for the review of the Application;
- C. Also by Order G-126-14 dated August 29, 2014, the FEU was directed to do the following:
  - i. publish, as soon as possible, in display ad-format, the Public Notice attached as Appendix B to that Order in the appropriate local news publications to provide adequate notice to customers in the affected service areas and provide confirmation to the Commission of such;
  - ii. send the Public Notice attached as Appendix B to that Order to those parties registered as Interveners and Interested Parties in three proceedings;
- D. On September 19, 2014, the FEU published in local news publications, in display ad-format, the Public Notice regarding its Application; and

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E. In light of the FEU delay in publishing the Public Notice, the Commission considers that an extension to the Regulatory Timetable is warranted and is in the public interest, in order to provide adequate time for customers in affected service areas to register and participate in the public process.

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

- 1. An Amended Regulatory Timetable is established and attached as Appendix A to this Order.
- 2. The FortisBC Energy Utilities must send a copy of this Order including the Amended Regulatory Timetable to those parties registered as Interveners and Interested Parties in the following proceedings:
  - i. an Application by Kinder Morgan, Inc. and 0731297 B.C. Ltd. for Approval of the Acquisition of the Common Shares of Terasen Inc., which resulted in Order G-116-05;
  - ii. an Application by Fortis Inc. for Approval of the Acquisition of the Issued and Outstanding Shares of Terasen Inc., which resulted in Order G-49-07; and
  - iii. an Application by FortisBC Energy Inc. for approval of a Multi-Year Performance Based Ratemaking Revenue Requirements Plan for the years through 2014-2018.
- 3. Interveners and Interested Parties registration with the Commission will be accepted for consideration, in writing or by electronic submission, on or before Tuesday, October 14, 2014. Interveners must specifically state the nature of their interest in the Application and identify the issues within the Application that they intend to pursue during the proceeding, as well as the nature and extent of their anticipated involvement in the review process. Information filed in the proceeding will be made public via the Commission's website.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, In the Province of British Columbia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara Commissioner

Attachment

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### AMENDED REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2014)
Intervener and Interested Party Registration	Tuesday, October 14
Commission Information Request No. 1 to FEU	Tuesday, October 14
Intervener Information Request No. 1 to FEU	Tuesday, October 21
FEU Response to Information Requests No. 1	Tuesday, November 4
Further Process	To Be Determined