

BRITISH COLUMBIA
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ORDER

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

and

### FortisBC Energy Inc.

Application for Approval of Code of Conduct and Transfer Pricing Policy for Affiliated Regulated Businesses Operating in a Non-Natural Monopoly Environment

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

K.A. Keilty, Commissioner October 16, 2014

N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner

#### ORDER

#### **WHEREAS:**

- A. On June 27, 2014, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed an Application for Approval of FEI's Code of Conduct and Transfer Pricing Policy for Affiliated Regulated Businesses Operating in a Non-Natural Monopoly Environment (Application);
- B. A Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) took place on September 5, 2014. At the Conference, FEI, FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc., Corix Utilities Inc. (Corix), the Coalition for Open Competition (Coalition), Commercial Energy Customers of B.C., the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO), the British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of B.C. (BCSEA), Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union Local 378, and Commission staff provided submissions;
- C. Following the PHC, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order G-143-14 which, among other things, set the Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application;
- D. By letter dated October 10, 2014, FEI sought an adjustment to the Regulatory Timetable which would allow it to allocate resources that overlap for this Application as well as other filings with the Commission. FEI proposes an amended Regulatory Timetable that extends the Responses to Information Requests No. 1 from October 20, 2014 to November 5, 2014, and extension of the submission schedule, with the new date for Reply Submission proposed for November 26, 2014;
- E. The Commission invited other parties to comment on FEI's request to amend the Regulatory Timetable by noon on October 16, 2014. By the deadline date, the Commission has received comments from Corix, the Coalition, BCOAPO, and BCSEA;

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- F. The BCSEA and Corix have no objection to FEI's proposed amendments to the Regulatory Timetable.

  BCOAPO has no objection but would prefer to have the Intervener Submissions date extended to

  November 26, 2014. The Coalition also has no objection to FEI's request for extended time but also
  proposes a modification such that the Intervener Submissions date is extended to November 28, 2014 and
  the Reply Submissions date is extended to December 8, 2014; and
- G. The Commission has considered the views of all parties and determines that an amendment to the Regulatory Timetable is necessary.

**NOW THERETHFORE**, the Commission orders that the Regulatory Timetable as set out in Order G-143-14 be amended. The Amended Regulatory Timetable is included in Appendix A to this Order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

**BY ORDER** 

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara Panel Chair

Attachment

## Application by FortisBC Energy Inc. for Approval of Code of Conduct and Transfer Pricing Policy in a Non Natural Monopoly Environment

### AMENDED REGULATORY TIMETABLE

| ACTION  | DATE (2014)            |
|---|------------------------|
| FEI Response to Information Request No. 1           | Wednesday, November 5  |
| FEI Final Submission                                | Wednesday, November 12 |
| Intervener Final Submissions                        | Friday, November 28    |
| FEI Reply and Intervener Reply to Other Interveners | Monday, December 8     |
| Oral Argument, if required                          | TBD                    |