



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-189-14**

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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 Acceptance of the 2014 Long Term Resource Plan

BEFORE: D. M. Morton, Panel Chair/Commissioner
C. A. Brown, Commissioner
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner
I. F. MacPhail, Commissioner

December 3, 2014

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 25, 2014, FortisBC Energy Utilities (FEU), comprised of FortisBC Energy Inc., FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc. and FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc., filed their 2014 Long Term Resource Plan (Application) pursuant to section 44.1 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, for acceptance by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission). The FEU are not seeking approval of any particular elements identified within the plan;
- B. By Order G-56-14 dated April 16, 2014, the Commission established a written hearing process and a regulatory timetable with two rounds of information requests to review the Application;
- C. In this proceeding, Aitken Creek Gas Storage (Aitken Creek), British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro), British Columbia Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization, Active Support Against Poverty, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities, Counsel of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, and the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre (BCOAPO), BC Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of British Columbia (BCSEA), Canadian Office and Professional Employees' Union, Local 378 (COPE 378), Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC), and Just Energy (B.C.) Limited Partnership (Just Energy) registered as interveners;

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- D. During the course of the proceeding, two rounds of information requests were submitted to FEU, and FEU responded;
- E. On August 18, 2014, FEU submitted its final argument where it sought to have the Application accepted;
- F. On September 3, 2014, BCOAPO, BCSEA, and CEC submitted their final arguments;
- G. On September 17, 2014, FEU submitted its reply argument; and
- H. The Commission has reviewed the Application and the evidence submitted through the review process.

NOW THEREFORE for the reasons set out in the decision accompanying this order:

- 1. The Commission accepts the FortisBC Energy Utilities 2014 Long Term Resource Plan to be in the public interest pursuant to subsection 44.1(6) of the *Utilities Commission Act*.
- 2. The Commission directs the FortisBC Energy Utilities to comply with all determinations and directives as set out in the Decision.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of December 2014.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner