FortisBC Inc.

An indirect subsidiary of Fortis Inc.

Consolidated Financial Statements
For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholder and the Board of Directors of
FortisBC Inc.

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of FortisBC Inc. (the "Corporation"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as at December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the consolidated statements of earnings, changes in equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at December 31, 2019 and 2018, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Corporation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained Management's Discussion and Analysis prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with US GAAP, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Corporation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Corporation's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Corporation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Brian Groves.

/s/ Deloitte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Vancouver, British Columbia

February 12, 2020

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FortisBC Inc.
Consolidated Balance Sheets
As at December 31
(in millions of Canadian dollars)

ASSETS	**2019**	2018
Current assets		
Accounts receivable (notes 4)	**$ 56**	$ 53
Prepaid expenses	**2**	2
Other assets (note 5)	**1**	1
Regulatory assets (note 8)	**5**	6
Total current assets	**64**	62
Property, plant and equipment, net (note 6)	**1,578**	1,534
Intangible assets, net (note 7)	**58**	57
Regulatory assets (note 8)	**381**	345
Other assets (note 5)	**10**	5
Goodwill (note 9)	**235**	235
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 2,326**	$ 2,238
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Credit facilities (note 21)	**$ 65**	$ 68
Accounts payable and other current liabilities (notes 10 and 22)	**67**	76
Due to parent company (note 21 and 22)	**60**	-
Current portion of finance lease obligations (note 12)	**1**	1
Regulatory liabilities (note 8)	**7**	14
Total current liabilities	**200**	159
Long-term debt (note 11)	**729**	729
Finance lease obligations (note 12)	**325**	322
Regulatory liabilities (note 8)	**27**	19
Deferred income tax (note 19)	**192**	175
Other liabilities (notes 13 and 15)	**71**	57
Total liabilities	**1,544**	1,461
Commitments (note 23)		
Equity		
Common shares [(a)] (note 14)	**219**	219
Additional paid-in capital	**322**	322
Retained earnings	**241**	236
Total equity	**782**	777
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**$ 2,326**	$ 2,238

[(a)] Par value of $100 each; 500 million authorized common shares; 2.2 million issued and outstanding at December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Approved on behalf of the Board:

(Signed by) Peter Blake
Director

(Signed by) Roger Dall'Antonia
Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

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FortisBC Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Earnings
For the years ended December 31
(in millions of Canadian dollars)

	2019	2018
Revenue (note 16)	**$ 404**	$ 391
Expenses		
Power purchase costs (notes 2, 12 and 22)	**121**	135
Operating costs (notes 2, 12 and 22)	**81**	80
Property and other taxes	**17**	16
Depreciation and amortization (notes 6, 7 and 8)	**62**	61
Total expenses	**281**	292
Operating income	**123**	99
Other income	**4**	3
Finance charges (notes 2 and 17)	**72**	40
Earnings before income taxes	**55**	62
Income tax expense (note 19)	**5**	12
Net earnings	**$ 50**	$ 50

FortisBC Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity
For the years ended December 31
(in millions of Canadian dollars)

	Common Shares	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
As at December 31, 2017	$ 219	$ 322	$ 230	$ 771
Net earnings	-	-	50	50
Dividends on common shares	-	-	(44)	(44)
As at December 31, 2018	219	322	236	777
Net earnings	**-**	**-**	**50**	**50**
Dividends on common shares	**-**	**-**	**(45)**	**(45)**
As at December 31, 2019	**$ 219**	**$ 322**	**$ 241**	**$ 782**

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

FortisBC Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
For the years ended December 31
(in millions of Canadian dollars)

	2019	2018
Operating activities		
Net earnings	**$ 50**	$ 50
Adjustments for non-cash items		
Depreciation and amortization (notes 6, 7 and 8)	**62**	61
Accrued employee future benefits	**(2)**	-
Equity component of allowance for funds used during construction (note 6)	**(1)**	(1)
Change in regulatory assets and liabilities	**(1)**	4
Change in working capital (note 18)	**(16)**	14
Cash from operating activities	**92**	128
Investing activities		
Property, plant and equipment additions (note 18)	**(99)**	(100)
Intangible asset additions	**(7)**	(6)
Contributions in aid of construction	**10**	13
Change in other long-term assets and liabilities	**(7)**	(5)
Cash used in investing activities	**(103)**	(98)
Financing activities		
Net (repayment of) proceeds from credit facilities	**(3)**	14
Repayment of finance lease obligations	**(1)**	-
Advances from parent company (note 22)	**60**	-
Dividends on common shares	**(45)**	(44)
Cash from (used in) financing activities	**11**	(30)
Net change in cash	**-**	-
Cash at beginning of year	**-**	-
Cash at end of year	**$ -**	$ -

Supplementary Information to Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (note 18).

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS

FortisBC Inc. ("FBC" or the "Corporation") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of FortisBC Pacific Holdings Inc. ("FortisBC Pacific") which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Fortis Inc. ("Fortis"), a Canadian public company. Fortis shares are listed on both the Toronto Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange.

FBC is an integrated, regulated electric utility operating in the southern interior of British Columbia ("BC"), serving approximately 178,700 customers directly and indirectly. The Corporation's business includes four hydroelectric generating plants, approximately 7,300 kilometers of transmission and distribution power lines, and an historical peak demand of 746 MW.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

These Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared by management in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP") and are presented in Canadian dollars unless otherwise specified. In management's opinion, the Consolidated Financial Statements include all adjustments that are necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position of the Corporation.

The Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of the Corporation and its wholly-owned partnership and subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated upon consolidation.

An evaluation of subsequent events through February 12, 2020, the date these Consolidated Financial Statements were issued, was completed to determine whether any circumstances warranted recognition or disclosure of events or transactions in the Consolidated Financial Statements as at December 31, 2019. Subsequent events have been appropriately disclosed in these Consolidated Financial Statements.

Regulation

The Corporation is regulated by the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("BCUC"). Pursuant to the *Utilities Commission Act* (British Columbia), the BCUC regulates such matters as rates, construction, and financing.

The Corporation's Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with US GAAP, including certain accounting treatments that differ from those for enterprises not subject to rate regulation. The impacts of rate regulation on the Corporation's operations for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 are described in these "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies", note 3 "Regulatory Matters", note 6 "Property, Plant and Equipment", note 7 "Intangible Assets", note 8 "Regulatory Assets and Liabilities", note 12 "Leases", note 13 "Other Liabilities", note 15 "Employee Future Benefits", note 17 "Finance Charges", and note 19 "Income Taxes".

When the BCUC issues decisions affecting the financial statements, the effects of the decision are usually recorded in the period in which the decision is received. In the event that a regulatory decision is received after the balance sheet date but before the Consolidated Financial Statements are issued, the facts and circumstances are reviewed to determine whether or not it is a recognized subsequent event.

Cash

Cash includes cash and short-term deposits with maturities of three months or less from the date of deposit.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The allowance for doubtful accounts reflects management's best estimate of losses on the accounts receivable balances. The Corporation maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts that is estimated based on a variety of factors including accounts receivable aging, historical experience and other currently available information, including events such as customer bankruptcy and current economic conditions. Interest is charged on overdue accounts receivable balances. Accounts receivable are written-off in the period in which the receivable is deemed uncollectible.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Regulatory Assets and Liabilities

The BCUC has the general power to include or exclude costs, revenues, losses or gains in the rates of a specified period, resulting in a change in the timing of accounting recognition from that which would have been applied in an unregulated company. Such change in timing gives rise to the recognition of regulatory assets and liabilities. Regulatory assets represent future revenues associated with certain costs incurred that will be, or are probable to be, recovered from customers in future periods through the rate-setting process. Regulatory liabilities represent future reductions or limitations of increases in revenue associated with amounts that will be, or are expected to be, refunded to customers through the rate-setting process.

All amounts deferred as regulatory assets and liabilities are subject to regulatory approval. As such, the BCUC could alter the amounts subject to deferral, at which time the change would be reflected in the Consolidated Financial Statements. For regulatory assets and liabilities which are amortized, the amortization is approved by the BCUC. Certain remaining recovery and settlement periods are those expected by management and the actual recovery or settlement periods could differ based on regulatory approval.

Inventories

Inventories represent materials and supplies held for day-to-day operations and for the maintenance of property, plant and equipment. Inventory held for construction or used only in connection with an item of property, plant and equipment is classified as property, plant and equipment. Inventory is measured at the lower of average cost and net realizable value.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation and unamortized contributions in aid of construction ("CIAC"). Cost includes all direct expenditures, betterments and replacements and as prescribed by the BCUC, an allocation of overhead costs and both a debt and an equity component of allowance for funds used during construction ("AFUDC") at approved rates.

Certain additions to property, plant and equipment are made with the assistance of CIACs from customers when the estimated revenue is less than the cost of providing service or when special equipment is needed to supply the customers' specific requirements.

Depreciation is based on rates approved by the BCUC and is calculated on a straight-line basis on the investment in property, plant and equipment commencing at the beginning of the year following when the asset is available for use.

As approved by the BCUC, the remaining book value after the removal of property, plant and equipment is charged to accumulated depreciation. It is expected that these amounts charged to accumulated depreciation will be reflected in future depreciation expense when refunded or collected in customer rates.

As approved by the BCUC, removal costs are collected as a component of depreciation on an accrual basis, with actual removal costs incurred drawing down the accrual balance. Removal costs are the direct costs incurred by the Corporation in taking assets out of service, whether through actual removal of the asset or through disconnection from the transmission or distribution system.

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are comprised of right of ways and software not directly attributable to the operation of property, plant and equipment and are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Included in the cost of intangible assets are all direct expenditures, betterments and replacements and as prescribed by the BCUC, an allocation of overhead costs and both a debt and equity component of AFUDC at approved rates.

The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed to be either finite or indefinite. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their useful lives and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. Amortization is based on rates approved by the BCUC and is calculated on a straight-line basis commencing at the beginning of the year following when the asset is available for use.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not subject to amortization and are tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate the asset may be impaired. The useful life of an intangible asset with an indefinite useful life is reviewed annually to determine whether the indefinite life assessment continues to be supportable. If not, the change in the useful life assessment from indefinite to finite is made on a prospective basis.

No impairment provision has been determined for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Leases

Leases that transfer to the Corporation substantially all of the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased item are capitalized at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Included as leases are any arrangements that qualify as leases by conveying the right to use a specific asset.

When a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration, a right-of-use asset and lease liability is recognized on the balance sheet. At inception, the right-of-use asset and liability are both measured at the present value of future lease payments, excluding variable payments that are based on usage or performance. Future lease payments include both lease components and fixed non-lease components, which the Corporation accounts for as a single lease component.

The present value is calculated using the rate implicit in the lease or a lease-specific secured interest rate based on the remaining lease term. Renewal options are included in the lease term when it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised. Leases with a term of twelve months or less are not recorded on the balance sheet but are recognized as lease expense straight-line over the lease term.

Finance leases are amortized over the lease term, except where ownership of the asset is transferred at the end of the lease term, in which case finance leases are amortized over the estimated service life of the underlying asset. Where the BCUC has approved recovery of the lease payments for rate-setting purposes instead of the depreciation expense and finance charges otherwise recognized for accounting purposes, specifically for the Brilliant Power Purchase Agreement ("BPPA") and the Brilliant Terminal Station ("BTS") included in note 12 "Leases", the depreciation expense related to the lease is modified to conform with the rate-setting process. Therefore, the total depreciation expense and finance charges recognized during a period equals the power purchase costs or operating expense included in allowable costs for rate-making purposes during that period, with the difference recognized as a regulatory asset to be recovered from customers over the term of the related arrangements.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset and eventual disposition. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows and eventual disposition, an impairment charge is recognized by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset.

Asset-impairment testing is carried out at the enterprise level to determine if assets are impaired. The recovery of regulated assets' carrying value, including a fair return on capital or assets, is provided through customer electricity rates approved by the BCUC. The net cash inflows for the Corporation are not asset-specific but are pooled for the entire regulated utility. There was no impairment of regulated long-lived assets for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess, at the dates of acquisition, of the purchase price over the fair value of the net amounts assigned to individual assets acquired and liabilities assumed relating to business acquisitions. Goodwill is carried at initial cost less any write-down for impairment.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Impairment is performed if any event occurs or if circumstances change that would indicate that the fair value of the Corporation was below its carrying value. If that is the case, goodwill is written down to estimated fair value and an impairment loss is recognized. No such event or changes in circumstances occurred during 2019 or 2018.

Otherwise, the Corporation performs an annual assessment of goodwill which was performed by the Corporation during 2019 and it was concluded that it is more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit was greater than the carrying value and that goodwill was not impaired.

Asset Retirement Obligations

The Corporation recognizes the fair value of a future Asset Retirement Obligation ("ARO") as a liability in the period in which it incurs a legal obligation associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development, and/or normal use of the assets. The Corporation concurrently recognizes a corresponding increase in the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset that is depreciated over the remaining life of the asset.

The fair value of the ARO is estimated using the expected cash flow approach that reflects a range of possible outcomes discounted at a credit-adjusted risk-free interest rate. Subsequent to the initial measurement, the ARO is adjusted at the end of each period to reflect the passage of time and changes in the estimated future cash flows underlying the obligation.

Changes in the obligation due to the passage of time are recognized as a regulatory asset using the effective interest method. Changes in the obligation due to changes in estimated cash flows are to be recognized as an adjustment of the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset that is depreciated over the remaining life of the asset.

The Corporation has AROs for which the obligations cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. These AROs are primarily associated with the Corporation's hydroelectric generating facilities and assets associated with interconnection facilities. While each of the foregoing will have legal asset retirement obligations (i.e. land and environmental remediation and/or removal of assets), the final date of removal of the related assets and the costs to do so cannot be reasonably determined at this time. There is a reasonable expectation that asset retirement costs would be recoverable through future rates.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from Contracts with Customers

Electricity revenue is billed at rates approved by the BCUC and is bundled to include the cost of generating, transmitting and distributing electricity. The rate includes customer service as well as other corporate and service functions.

The majority of the Corporation's revenue is derived from electricity sales to residential, commercial, wholesale, and industrial customers. Most of the Corporation's contracts have a single performance obligation, the delivery of electricity. Substantially all of the Corporation's performance obligations are satisfied over time as electricity is delivered because of the continuous transfer of control to the customer, generally using an output measure of progress, kilowatt hours ("kWh") delivered. The billing of electricity sales is based on the reading of customer meters, which occurs on a systematic basis throughout the month. Electricity that is consumed but not yet billed to customers is estimated and accrued as revenue at each reporting date. No component of the transaction price is allocated to unsatisfied performance obligations.

Other contract revenue from customers includes surplus capacity sales, third party contract work and pole attachments. Surplus capacity sales are recognized when the capacity or energy is delivered at the amount of consideration set out in the contracts. Third party contract revenue relates to operations, maintenance and management services rendered to third party owned hydroelectric generation facilities and is recognized as services are provided. Pole attachment revenue is earned from third party attachments to utility infrastructure and is recognized over time.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Alternative Revenue

Alternative revenue programs allow utilities to adjust future rates in response to past activities or completed events if certain criteria established by the BCUC are met. The Corporation has identified its Earnings Sharing Mechanism and Flow-through variances related to tariff-based revenue as alternative revenue.

The Earnings Sharing Mechanism allows for a 50/50 sharing of variances from the formula-driven operation and maintenance expenses and capital expenditures approved as part of the annual revenue requirements. This mechanism is in place until the expiry of the current performance based rate setting plan in 2019. In addition, alternative revenue includes variances in the forecast versus actual customer revenue in a flow-through deferral account to be either refunded to or recovered from customers in rates within two years.

Other Revenue (Expense)

Other revenue (expense) is primarily comprised of regulatory deferral adjustments resulting primarily from cost recovery variances in regulated forecasts used to set rates for electricity revenue. As part of the Performance Based Ratemaking Plan for 2014 to 2019 ("2014 PBR Application") decision received, effective January 1, 2014 and effective through to the end of the PBR term, the Corporation has a flow-through deferral account that captures variances from regulated forecast items, excluding formulaic operation and maintenance costs, that do not have separately approved deferral mechanisms, and flows those variances through customer rates in the following year.

The Corporation disaggregates revenue by type of customer, as disclosed in note 16. This represents the level of disaggregation used by the Corporation to evaluate performance.

Employee Future Benefits

The Corporation sponsors a number of post-employment benefit plans. These plans include defined benefit, unfunded supplemental, and various other post-employment benefit ("OPEB") plans.

The cost of pensions and OPEBs earned by employees are actuarially determined as an employee accrues service. The Corporation uses the projected benefit pro-rata method based on years of service, management's best estimates of expected returns on plan assets, salary escalation, retirement age, mortality and expected future health-care costs. The discount rate used to value liabilities is based on Corporate AA bond yields with cash flows that match the timing and amount of the expected benefit payments under the plans. The Corporation uses a measurement date of December 31 for all plans.

The expected return on plan assets is based on management's estimate of the long-term expected rate of return on plan assets and the fair market value of plan assets.

Adjustments, in excess of 10 per cent of the greater of the accrued benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets that result from changes in assumptions and experience gains and losses, are amortized straight-line over the expected average remaining service life, or the expected average remaining life expectancy, of the employee group covered by the plans. Experience will often deviate from the actuarial assumptions resulting in actuarial gains and losses.

The Corporation records the funded or unfunded status of its defined benefit pension plans and OPEB plans on the balance sheet. Unamortized balances relating to past service costs and net actuarial gains and losses have been recognized in regulatory assets and are expected to be recovered from customers in future rates. Subsequent changes to past service costs and net actuarial gains and losses are recognized as an expense, where required by the BCUC, or otherwise as a change in the regulatory asset or liability. The Corporation also provides a defined contribution pension arrangement to certain employees not covered by the defined benefit plans. Defined contribution plan costs are expensed by the Corporation as contributions are payable.

The Corporation capitalizes the eligible portion of the current service cost component of net benefit cost. The remaining portion of current service cost not capitalized is grouped in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings with other employee compensation costs arising from services rendered. The non-service cost components of net benefit cost are presented in other income.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fair Value

Fair value is the price at which a market participant could sell an asset or transfer a liability to an unrelated party. A fair value measurement is required to reflect the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on the best available information. These assumptions include the risks inherent in a particular valuation technique, such as a pricing model, and the risks inherent in the inputs to the model. The fair values of the Corporation's financial instruments reflect point-in-time estimates based on current and relevant market information about the instruments as at the balance sheet dates. The estimates cannot be determined with precision as they involve uncertainties and matters of judgment and, therefore, may not be relevant in predicting the Corporation's future consolidated earnings or cash flows. A fair value hierarchy exists that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The Corporation is required to record all derivative instruments at fair value except those which qualify for the normal purchases and normal sales exception.

Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivative instruments are recognized as either assets or liabilities on the balance sheet and are measured at fair value, unless they meet the normal purchases and normal sales scope exception. The Corporation continually assesses its contracts, including its power purchase agreements, to determine whether they meet the criteria of a derivative, and if so, whether they qualify for the normal purchases and normal sales scope exception.

Debt Issuance Costs

Costs incurred to arrange debt financing are recognized as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the debt liability and are accounted for using the effective interest method over the life of the related financial liability.

Sales Taxes

In the course of its operations, the Corporation collects sales taxes from its customers. When customers are billed, a current liability is recognized for the sales taxes included on the customer's bill. This liability is settled when the taxes are remitted to the appropriate government authority. The Corporation's revenue excludes the sales taxes.

Income Taxes

The Corporation follows the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for temporary differences between the tax and accounting basis of assets and liabilities, as well as for the benefit of losses available to be carried forward to future years for tax purposes that are more likely than not (greater than a 50 per cent chance) to be realized.

The deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted income tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. As a result of rate regulation, deferred income taxes incurred related to regulated operations have been offset by a corresponding regulatory asset or liability resulting in no impact on net earnings. Current income tax expense or recovery is recognized for the estimated income taxes payable or receivable in the current year.

As approved by the BCUC, the Corporation recovers income tax expense in customer rates based only on income taxes that are currently payable for regulatory purposes, except for certain regulatory asset and liability accounts specifically prescribed by the BCUC. Therefore, current customer rates do not include the recovery of deferred income taxes related to temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for regulatory purposes, as these taxes are expected to be collected in rates when they become payable. An offsetting regulatory asset or liability is recognized for the amount of income taxes that is expected to be collected in rates once the amount becomes payable.

Any difference between the expense recognized and that recovered from customers in current rates for income tax expense that is expected to be recovered, or refunded, in future customer rates is subject to deferral treatment as described in note 8 "Regulatory Assets and Liabilities".

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The Corporation recognizes a tax benefit if it is more likely than not that a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return will be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities based on the merits of the position. The tax benefit recognized in the financial statements is measured based on the largest amount of benefit that is greater than 50 per cent likely to be realized upon settlement. The difference between a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and the benefit recognized and measured pursuant to this guidance represents an unrecognized tax benefit.

Interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits are recognized in income tax expense.

Segment Reporting

The Corporation has a single reportable segment.

Use of Accounting Estimates

The preparation of the Corporation's financial statements in accordance with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. Estimates and judgments are based on historical experience, regulatory decisions, current conditions and various other assumptions believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The use of estimates is described in the "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies", in note 8 "Regulatory Assets and Liabilities", and note 23 "Commitments". Certain estimates are also necessary since the regulatory environment in which the Corporation operates often requires amounts to be recorded at estimated values until these amounts are finalized pursuant to regulatory decisions or other regulatory proceedings. Due to changes in facts and circumstances and the inherent uncertainty involved in making estimates, actual results may differ significantly from current estimates. Estimates and judgments are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary, are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

New Accounting Policies

Leases

Effective January 1, 2019, FBC adopted ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases* (ASC 842), that requires lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset and lease liability for all leases with a lease term greater than 12 months, along with additional quantitative and qualitative disclosures. The Corporation applied the transition provisions as of the adoption date and did not retrospectively adjust prior periods. FBC elected a package of implementation options, referred to as practical expedients, that allowed it to not reassess: (i) whether existing contracts, including land easements, are or contain a lease; (ii) the lease classification of existing leases; or (iii) the initial direct costs for existing leases. Also, the Corporation utilized the hindsight practical expedient to determine the lease term. Upon adoption, the Corporation did not identify or record an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings, and there was no impact on net earnings or cash flows.

As at December 31, 2019, the Corporation recognized $1 million of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities primarily related to office facilities. Refer to note 12 for additional disclosure on FBC's leasing arrangements.

The adoption of ASC 842 has also resulted in finance lease costs previously recognized in power purchase costs and operating costs to be reclassified and presented within depreciation expense and finance charges, with no effect on net earnings.

Pensions and Other Postretirement Plan Disclosures

ASU No. 2018-14, *Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Defined Benefit Plans*, issued in August 2018, is to be applied on a retrospective basis for all periods presented. Principally, it modifies the disclosure requirements for employers with defined pension or other post-retirement plans. In particular, the amendments remove (a) the amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income expected to be recognized as components of net period benefit costs over the next fiscal period, (b) the amount and timing of plan assets expected to be returned to the employer, and (c) the effects of a one-percentage-point change on the assumed health care costs and the change in rates on service cost, interest cost and the benefit obligation for post-retirement health care benefits. FBC early adopted this update in the fourth quarter of 2019, and has made the necessary modifications to annual disclosures in note 15.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Future Accounting Pronouncements

FBC considers the applicability and impact of all ASUs issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"). The following updates have been issued by FASB, but have not yet been adopted by FBC. Any ASUs not included below were assessed and determined to be either not applicable to the Corporation or are not expected to have a material impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments

ASU No. 2016-13, *Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, issued in September 2016, is effective for FBC January 1, 2020, and is to be applied on a modified retrospective basis. Principally, it requires entities to use an expected credit loss methodology and to consider a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to estimate credit losses. FBC does not expect the adoption of this ASU to have a material impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements and related disclosures.

Fair Value Measurement Disclosures

ASU No. 2018-13, *Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement*, issued in August 2018, is effective for FBC January 1, 2020 and is to be primarily applied on a retrospective basis, with certain disclosures requiring prospective application. Principally, it improves the effectiveness of financial statement note disclosures by clarifying what is required and important to users of the financial statements. FBC does not expect the adoption of this ASU to have a material impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements and related disclosures.

3. REGULATORY MATTERS

Performance Based Ratemaking Plan for 2014 to 2019

In September 2014, the BCUC issued its decision on FBC's 2014 PBR Application. The approved PBR Plan incorporates an incentive mechanism for improving operating and capital expenditure efficiencies. Operation and maintenance expenses and base capital expenditures during the PBR period, 2014 to 2019, are subject to an incentive formula reflecting incremental costs for inflation and half of customer growth, less a fixed productivity adjustment factor of 1.03 per cent each year. The PBR Plan also includes an Earnings Sharing Mechanism that requires a 50/50 sharing of variances from the formula-driven operation and maintenance expenses and capital expenditures over the PBR period, and a number of service quality measures designed to ensure FBC maintains service levels. It also sets out the requirements for an annual review process which provides a forum for discussion between FBC and interested parties regarding its current performance and future activities.

In the second quarter of 2019, the BCUC issued its decision on FBC's 2019 rates. The decision resulted in a 2019 average rate base of approximately $1,342 million and no increase to rates. 2019 rates would have otherwise decreased had FBC not requested in the application to defer a revenue surplus for the year, which will be refunded to customers in future rates.

4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The timing of revenue recognition, billings, and cash collections results in billed and unbilled accounts receivable. The opening and closing balances of the Corporation's accounts receivable as at December 31 were as follows:

($ millions)	**2019**	2018
Billed accounts receivable from contracts with customers	**23**	25
Accrued unbilled revenue from contracts with customers	**24**	22
Trade accounts receivable	**5**	6
Income and other taxes receivable	**5**	1
Other [1]	**1**	1
Allowance for doubtful accounts	**(2)**	(2)
Total accounts receivable	**56**	53

[1] Representative of receivables not related to contracts with customers.

5. OTHER ASSETS

($ millions)	2019	2018
Inventories	1	1
Operating leases (note 12)	1	-
Pension asset (note 15)	9	5
Total other assets	11	6
Less: current portion [1]	1	1
Total long-term other assets	10	5

[1] Current portion of other assets is inventories.

6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

December 31, 2019	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	Weighted Average Depreciation Rate
($ millions)				
Generation	292	(67)	225	1.6%
Transmission	733	(229)	504	1.9%
Distribution	627	(122)	505	2.2%
Plant, buildings and equipment	198	(93)	105	5.1%
Finance lease assets	298	(88)	210	2.0%
Assets under construction	29	-	29	-
Total property, plant and equipment	2,177	(599)	1,578	

December 31, 2018	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	Weighted Average Depreciation Rate
($ millions)				
Generation	268	(64)	204	1.6%
Transmission	722	(216)	506	1.9%
Distribution	596	(110)	486	2.2%
Plant, buildings and equipment	192	(90)	102	5.0%
Finance lease assets	295	(82)	213	2.0%
Assets under construction	23	-	23	-
Total property, plant and equipment	2,096	(562)	1,534	

As allowed by the BCUC, during the year ended December 31, 2019, the Corporation capitalized a debt component of AFUDC of $1 million (2018 - $1 million) and an equity component of AFUDC of $1 million (2018 - $1 million), and approved capitalized overhead costs of $9 million (2018 - $9 million).

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment, including a net salvage provision, for the year ended December 31, 2019 totaled $51 million (2018 - $49 million).

Included in the book value of property, plant and equipment are ARO costs totaling $2 million (2018 - $2 million). Depreciation of $nil (2018 - $nil) on the asset retirement costs was recorded in other recoverable costs in regulatory assets (note 8). The corresponding liability has been recorded as an ARO in other liabilities (note 13).

Finance lease assets include the BPPA and BTS arrangements. Depreciation of $5 million (2018 - $5 million) on the BPPA finance lease asset was recorded in the BPPA lease costs regulatory asset (note 8) and depreciation of $1 million (2018 - $1 million) on the BTS finance lease asset was recorded in the BTS lease costs regulatory asset (note 8).

7. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

December 31, 2019	**Cost**	**Accumulated Amortization**	**Book Value**
($ millions)			
Software	**89**	**(63)**	**26**
Land rights	**37**	**(5)**	**32**
Total intangible assets	**126**	**(68)**	**58**

December 31, 2018	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Book Value
($ millions)			
Software	88	(63)	25
Land rights	37	(5)	32
Total intangible assets	125	(68)	57

There was no impairment of intangible assets for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Amortization of intangible assets for the year ended December 31, 2019 totaled $6 million (2018 - $6 million).

Amortization of software is recorded on a straight-line basis using an average amortization rate of 6.6 per cent (2018 – 6.6 per cent). Amortization of land rights is recorded on a straight-line basis using an amortization rate of 1.3 per cent (2018 – 1.3 per cent).

Included in the cost of land rights at December 31, 2019 was $16 million (2018 - $16 million) not subject to amortization.

The following is the estimated amortization expense for each of the next five years:

($ millions)	
2020	**5**
2021	**4**
2022	**4**
2023	**4**
2024	**3**

8. REGULATORY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Based on existing regulatory orders or the expectation of future regulatory orders, the Corporation has recorded the following amounts, net of income tax and amortization where applicable, which are expected to be recovered from or refunded to customers as at December 31:

($ millions)	2019	2018	Remaining Recovery Period (Years)
Regulatory assets			
Demand side management program (i)	**28**	24	10
Pension and OPEB unrecognized actuarial losses and past service costs (note 15) (ii)	**40**	28	Ongoing
Pension and OPEB transition and variance asset (iii)	**1**	2	4
BPPA lease costs (note 12) (iv)	**110**	104	37
BTS lease costs (note 12) (v)	**6**	6	30
Regulated asset for deferred income taxes (note 19) (vi)	**194**	178	Ongoing
Income taxes recoverable on OPEBs (vii)	**5**	5	Ongoing
Meter retirement costs (viii)	**-**	1	-
Other recoverable costs (ix)	**2**	3	Various
Total regulatory assets	**386**	351	
Less: current portion	**5**	6	
Long-term portion of regulatory assets	**381**	345	

($ millions)	2019	2018	Remaining Recovery Period (Years)
Regulatory liabilities			
Flow-through variances (x)	**8**	14	1
Net salvage provision (xi)	**20**	16	Ongoing
Rate stabilization account (xii)	**3**	-	1-2
Pension and OPEB Cost Variance (xiii)	**2**	1	3
Debt issuance costs under effective interest method (xiv)	**1**	1	31
Other refundable costs (ix)	**-**	1	Various
Total regulatory liabilities	**34**	33	
Less: current portion	**7**	14	
Long-term portion of regulatory liabilities	**27**	19	

Net amortization expense of regulatory assets and liabilities, excluding a net salvage provision, for the year ended December 31, 2019 totaled $5 million (2018 - $6 million).

(i) Demand Side Management Program

The Corporation funds incentives and provides energy management services to promote efficiency programs for its customers. As approved by the BCUC, the Corporation recovers these costs in rates over a 10 year period.

(ii) Pension and OPEB Unrecognized Actuarial Losses and Past Service Costs

The net funded status, being the difference between the fair value of plan assets and the projected benefit obligation for pensions and OPEBs, is required to be recognized on the Corporation's balance sheet under ASC Topic 715, *Compensation – Retirement Benefits*. The amount required to make this net funded status adjustment, which would otherwise be recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income ("AOCI"), has instead been deferred within regulatory assets. The balance represents the deferred portion of the expense relating to pensions and OPEBs that is expected to be recovered from customers in future rates as the deferred amounts are included as a component of future net benefit cost.

8. REGULATORY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (continued)

(iii) Pension and OPEB Transition and Variance Asset

Up until the end of 2011, a cumulative difference existed between the pension and OPEB amounts to be recognized under ASC Topic 715 and the pension and OPEB amounts recovered in rates as approved by the BCUC. This cumulative transitional amount, which would otherwise be recognized in retained earnings, has instead been approved by the BCUC for deferral as a regulatory asset to be collected from customers over a term of twelve years beginning on January 1, 2012. This regulatory asset balance is not subject to a regulatory return.

(iv) BPPA Lease Costs

The depreciation on the BPPA finance lease asset (note 6) and the interest expense associated with the BPPA lease obligation (note 17) are not being fully recovered by the Corporation in current customer rates since those rates include only the payments set out under the BPPA. The BPPA payments, including the related variable operating costs, are recovered as power purchase costs rather than as finance lease depreciation and interest expense. The regulatory asset balance represents the deferred portion of the cost of the lease that is expected to be recovered from customers in future rates over the term of the arrangement, which ends in 2056, and is not subject to a regulatory return.

(v) BTS Lease Costs

The depreciation on the BTS finance lease asset (note 6) and the interest expense associated with the BTS lease obligation (note 17) are not being fully recovered by the Corporation in current customer rates since those rates include only the payments set out under an agreement to lease the BTS. The BTS payments, including the related variable operating costs, are recovered as operating costs rather than as finance lease depreciation and interest expense. The regulatory asset balance represents the deferred portion of the cost of the lease that is expected to be recovered from customers in future rates over the term of the arrangement, and is not subject to a regulatory return.

(vi) Regulated Asset for Deferred Income Taxes

FBC recognizes deferred income tax assets and liabilities, and related regulatory liabilities and assets, for the amount of deferred income taxes expected to be refunded to, or recovered from, customers in future rates. Included in deferred income tax assets and liabilities are the future income tax effects of the subsequent settlement of the related regulatory liabilities and assets through customer rates.

The regulatory asset balance is expected to be recovered from customers in future rates when the deferred taxes become payable, and is not subject to a regulatory return.

(vii) Income Taxes Recoverable on OPEBs

The BCUC allows OPEB plan costs to be collected in customer rates on an accrual basis, rather than on a cash basis, which creates timing differences for income tax purposes. As approved by the BCUC, the tax effect of this timing difference is deferred as a regulatory asset and will be reduced as cash payments for OPEB plans exceed required accruals and amounts collected in customer rates. This regulatory asset balance is expected to be recovered from customers in future rates, and is not subject to a regulatory return.

(viii) Meter Retirement Costs

As ordered by the BCUC, these are costs associated with the retirement of meters replaced with advanced meter infrastructure. This regulatory balance is not subject to a regulatory return and has been fully recovered from customers in rates.

(ix) Other Recoverable and Refundable Costs

Regulatory assets and liabilities that have been aggregated in the tables above as other items relate to smaller deferral accounts. These accounts have either been approved by the BCUC for recovery from or refund to customers or are expected to be approved. The approved amounts are being amortized over various periods depending on the nature of the costs.

8. REGULATORY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (continued)

(x) Flow-through Variances

As part of the regulatory decision on the 2014 PBR Application and effective January 1, 2014 through to the end of the PBR term, the Corporation has a flow-through deferral account that captures variances from regulated forecast items, excluding formulaic operation and maintenance costs, that do not have separately approved deferral mechanisms, and flows those variances through customer rates in the following year. The flow-through variance regulatory liability includes the current year's flow-through variance and the over or under amortization of prior years' flow-through variance.

(xi) Net Salvage Provision

The net salvage provision account captures the provision for costs which will be incurred to remove assets from service in a future period. As actual removal costs are incurred, the net salvage provision account is drawn down. For the year ended December 31, 2019, $11 million (2018 - $11 million) was collected from customers through depreciation expense to offset future removal costs which may be incurred. Actual removal costs incurred for the year ended December 31, 2019 were $7 million (2018 - $7 million).

(xii) Rate stabilization account

As part of the Annual Review of 2018 rates, FBC received approval to establish the 2018 revenue deficiency deferral account to capture the 2018 revenue deficiency from maintaining 2018 rates at existing level. As part of the Annual Review of 2019 rates, FBC received approval to re-name the 2018 revenue deficiency deferral account to the 2018-2019 revenue surplus account and to also capture the 2019 revenue surplus resulting from maintaining 2019 rates at existing levels in this deferral account. FBC will apply to refund these amounts to customers in a future regulatory application.

(xiii) Pension and OPEB Cost Variance

As approved by the BCUC, the pension and OPEB cost variance account accumulates differences between pension and OPEB expenses that are approved for recovery in rates and the actuarially determined pension and OPEB expense. The regulatory liability balance is expected to be returned to customers in future rates over 3 years, and is not subject to a regulatory return.

(xiv) Debt Issuance Costs Under Effective Interest Method

This balance represents the cumulative difference between applying the effective interest method for amortizing debt issuance costs and the straight-line amortization method used in setting customer rates. This regulatory liability represents the cumulative difference between the two amortization methods which will be refunded to customers over the term of the outstanding debt through future rates, and is not subject to a regulatory return.

9. GOODWILL

On May 31, 2004, Fortis, through a wholly owned subsidiary, acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of FBC. The consideration paid for this acquisition has been recorded in the Corporation's financial statements using push-down accounting. In addition to goodwill of $220 million (2018 - $220 million) for the excess of the purchase price paid by Fortis over the fair value of the net assets acquired, the Corporation has recognized additional paid-in capital related to the push-down of the acquisition accounting.

FBC has also recognized a total of $15 million (2018 - $15 million) in goodwill related to the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets of electric utility businesses acquired by the Corporation in the Princeton area on December 31, 2006 and the Kelowna area on March 29, 2013.

There was no impairment of goodwill for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

($ millions)	**2019**	2018
Trade accounts payable	**21**	24
Power purchase and wheeling accruals	**12**	4
Customer deposits	**13**	13
Interest payable	**4**	7
Employee compensation and benefits payable	**13**	13
Other current liabilities	**1**	1
Pension and other post-employment benefits (note 15)	**1**	1
Amounts due to related parties (note 22)	**1**	12
Income and other taxes payable	**1**	1
Total accounts payable and other current liabilities	**67**	76

11. LONG-TERM DEBT

($ millions)	**2019**	2018
Secured Debentures		
8.80% Series G, due August 28, 2023	**25**	25
Unsecured Debentures		
7.81% Series I, due December 1, 2021	**25**	25
5.60% Series 05-1, due November 9, 2035	**100**	100
5.90% Series 07-1, due July 4, 2047	**105**	105
6.10% Medium Term Note Debentures Series 1, due June 2, 2039	**105**	105
5.00% Medium Term Note Debentures Series 2, due November 24, 2050	**100**	100
4.00% Medium Term Note Debentures Series 3, due October 28, 2044	**200**	200
3.62% Medium Term Note Debentures Series 4, due December 6, 2049	**75**	75
Total long-term debt	**735**	735
Less: debt issuance costs	**6**	6
Total long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs	**729**	729

Secured and Unsecured Debentures

The Series G secured debentures are collateralized by a fixed and floating first charge on the assets of the Corporation. The secured Series G and unsecured Series I debentures are guaranteed by FortisWest Inc., a subsidiary of Fortis.

All of the Corporation's debentures are redeemable, in whole or in part, at the option of the Corporation, at a price equal to the greater of the Canada Yield Price, as defined in the applicable Trust Indenture, and the principal amount of the debt to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date specified for redemption.

The Corporation has externally imposed capital requirements which it is subject to that include interest coverage ratios and limitations on the amount of debt that can be incurred relative to equity. As at December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Corporation was in compliance with these externally imposed capital requirements.

See note 23 "Commitments" for principal and interest repayments required for long-term debt over the next five years and thereafter.

12. LEASES

Finance Leases

The Corporation has recognized finance leases for the BPPA, which is an arrangement that contains a lease for the sale of the output of the Brilliant hydroelectric plant, and for the BTS, which relates to an agreement that contains a lease for the use of the station. In exchange for the specified take-or-pay amounts of power, the BPPA requires semi-annual payments based on a return on capital, which is composed of the original plant capital charge and periodic upgrade capital charges, as well as sustaining capital charges, and related variable power purchase costs. Under the BTS, FBC pays semi-annual payments based on a charge related to the recovery of the capital cost of the BTS, and related variable operating costs. Given the impacts of accounting for regulated operations, the recognition of interest and amortization expense is equal to the amounts recovered in rates.

Office Facility Operating Lease

The Corporation leases an office facility from a related party, FortisBC Energy Inc. ("FEI"), with a remaining term of 3 years and with no remaining options to extend the term of the agreement. The rental payment is fixed throughout the term of the lease with no escalating factors and there are no additional variable payments above the fixed monthly rent.

The following table details supplemental balance sheet information related to the Corporation's leases:

($ millions)	Classification	December 31, 2019
Assets		
Long-term		
Operating leases	Other assets (note 5)	**1**
Finance leases	Property, plant and equipment, net (note 6)	**210**
Finance lease deferral	Regulatory assets (note 8)	**116**
Total lease assets		**327**
Liabilities		
Current		
Finance leases	Current portion of finance lease	**1**
Long-term		
Operating leases	Other liabilities (note 13)	**1**
Finance leases	Finance lease obligation	**325**
Total lease liabilities		**327**

The following table presents the components of the Corporation's lease cost for the year ended December 31, 2019:

($ millions)	December 31, 2019
Finance lease cost – interest (note 17)	**32**
Variable lease cost – power purchase costs and operating costs	**14**
Total lease cost	**46**

For the year ended December 31, 2018, operating lease cost was not material to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

12. LEASES (continued)

As at December 31, 2019, the present value of the future cash flows required over the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

($ millions)	Operating Leases	Finance Leases	Total
2020	-	32	32
2021	-	32	32
2022	-	33	33
2023	1	33	34
2024	-	33	33
Thereafter	-	1,083	1,083
Subtotal	1	1,246	1,247
Less: amounts representing imputed interest	-	920	920
Total operating and finance leases	1	326	327
Less: current portion	-	1	1
Long-term portion	1	325	326

The Corporation provides the following supplemental information related to its leases for the year ended December 31:

Lease Term and Discount Rate	2019
Weighted-average remaining lease term (years)	
Operating leases	3
Finance leases	36
Weighted-average discount rate (%)	
Operating leases	3.0%
Finance leases	5.1%

Other Information	2019
($ millions)	
Supplementary non-cash information	
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities	1

13. OTHER LIABILITIES

($ millions)	2019	2018
Pension and OPEB liabilities (note 15)	68	55
Operating leases (note 12)	1	-
Asset retirement obligation	2	2
Total other liabilities	71	57

Asset Retirement Obligation

FBC has recognized an ARO based on an estimate of the fair value and timing of estimated future expenditures associated with the removal of insulating oil in certain electrical equipment that is contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs"). The determination of the ARO is based on PCB regulations under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 which govern the management and storage of PCBs as well as impose timelines for disposal based on certain criteria including type of equipment, in-use status and PCB-contamination thresholds. The Corporation must identify and remove certain levels of PCBs in certain of its electrical equipment assets by 2025 to be compliant with the PCB regulations.

13. OTHER LIABILITIES (continued)

The asset retirement cost has been capitalized to property, plant and equipment (note 6). Actual costs incurred upon settlement of an ARO are charged against the related liability to the extent of the accrued balance. Any difference between the actual costs incurred upon settlement of the ARO and the remaining balance is expected to be recognized as a regulatory asset or liability at that time.

There were no expenditures or revisions to estimates of the ARO during 2019 or 2018. Interest accretion recognized was $nil (2018 - $nil). The credit-adjusted risk-free discount rates used to calculate the present value of the obligation is 3.0 per cent. Total estimated undiscounted future cash flows required to comply with the PCB regulations is approximately $3 million between 2020 and 2025.

14. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorized Share Capital

The Corporation is authorized to issue 500,000,000 common shares, with a par value of $100 each and 500,000,000 preferred shares, with a par value of $25 each, issuable in series.

Common Shares

Issued and outstanding common shares as at December 31 are as follows:

	2019		2018	
	Number of Shares	**Amount ($ millions)**	Number of Shares	Amount ($ millions)
Outstanding, beginning of year	**2,191,510**	**219**	2,191,510	219
Issued	**-**	**-**	-	-
Outstanding, end of year	**2,191,510**	**219**	2,191,510	219

15. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS

The Corporation is a sponsor of pension plans for eligible employees. The plans include registered defined benefit pension plans, supplemental unfunded arrangements, and defined contribution plans. In addition to pensions, the Corporation provides other post-employment benefits (“OPEB”) for certain retired employees.

Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The Corporation sponsors three defined benefit pension plans, one of which is closed to new entrants. Retirement benefits are based on employees’ years of credited service and remuneration. Corporation contributions to the plans are based upon independent actuarial valuations. The most recent actuarial valuations of the defined benefit pension plans for funding purposes were as at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2018 and the dates of the next required valuations will be as at December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2021.

Supplemental Plans

Certain employees are eligible to receive supplemental benefits. The supplemental plans provide pension benefits in excess of statutory limits and are unfunded.

Defined Contribution Plans

The Corporation’s cost related to the defined contribution arrangement is based upon a percentage of employee earnings. The Corporation’s 2019 net benefit cost related to this arrangement was $1 million (2018 - $1 million).

15. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS (continued)

Other Post-Employment Benefits

The Corporation provides certain retired employees with OPEBs that include, depending on circumstances, supplemental health, dental and life insurance coverage. OPEBs are unfunded and the annual net benefit cost is recorded on an accrual basis based on independent actuarial determinations, considering, among other factors, health-care cost escalation. The next valuation is expected to be completed during 2020 using a valuation date of December 31, 2019.

The financial positions of the Corporation's defined benefit pension and supplemental plans and OPEB plans are as follows:

	Defined Benefit Pension and Supplemental Plans		OPEB Plans	
($ millions)	**2019**	2018	**2019**	2018
Change in fair value of plan assets				
Balance, beginning of year	**202**	203	**-**	-
Actual return on plan assets	**23**	-	**-**	-
Employer contributions	**5**	5	**1**	1
Employee contributions	**4**	3	**-**	-
Benefits paid	**(9)**	(9)	**(1)**	(1)
Fair value, end of year	**225**	202	**-**	-
Change in projected benefit obligation				
Balance, beginning of year	**227**	233	**26**	27
Employee contributions	**4**	3	**-**	-
Current service cost	**5**	6	**1**	1
Interest costs	**8**	8	**1**	1
Benefits paid	**(9)**	(9)	**(1)**	(1)
Actuarial (gain) loss	**27**	(14)	**(4)**	(2)
Balance, end of year [1]	**262**	227	**23**	26
Unfunded status	**(37)**	(25)	**(23)**	(26)

[1] The accumulated benefit obligation for defined benefit pension plans, excluding assumptions about future salary levels, was $238 million (2018 - $207 million).

The following table summarizes the employee future benefit assets and liabilities and their classification in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The total pension and OPEB liability recognized on the Consolidated Balance Sheets was $69 million (2018 - $55 million).

	Defined Benefit Pension and Supplemental Plans		OPEB Plans	
($ millions)	**2019**	2018	**2019**	2018
Other assets (note 5)	**(9)**	(5)	**-**	-
Accounts payable and other current liabilities (note 10)	**-**	-	**1**	1
Other liabilities (note 13)	**46**	30	**22**	25
Net liability	**37**	25	**23**	26

15. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS (continued)

The net benefit cost for the Corporation's defined benefit pension and supplemental plans and OPEB plans are as follows:

	Defined Benefit Pension and Supplemental Plans		OPEB Plans	
($ millions)	**2019**	2018	**2019**	2018
Service costs	**5**	6	**1**	1
Interest costs	**8**	8	**1**	1
Expected return on plan assets	**(12)**	(12)	**-**	-
Amortization:				
Actuarial losses	**2**	2	**-**	-
Past service costs	**(1)**	(1)	**-**	-
Regulatory adjustment	**1**	-	**1**	1
Net benefit cost	**3**	3	**3**	3

The components of net benefit cost, other than the service cost component, are included in other income in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Defined Benefit Pension Plan Assets

As at December 31, 2019 and 2018 the assets of the Corporation's defined benefit pension plans were invested on a weighted average as follows:

	Target Allocation	2019	2018
Equities	**40% - 50%**	**47%**	46%
Fixed income	**30% - 60%**	**38%**	38%
Real estate	**0% - 20%**	**15%**	16%
		100%	100%

The investment policy for defined benefit plan assets is to optimize the risk-return ratio using a portfolio of various asset classes. FBC's primary investment objectives are to secure registered pension plans, and maximize investment returns in a cost effective manner while not compromising the security of the respective plans. The pension plans use quarterly rebalancing in order to achieve the target allocations while complying with the constraints of the Pension Benefits Standards Act of British Columbia and the Income Tax Act. The pension plans utilize external investment managers to execute the investment policy. Assets in the plans are held in trust by independent third parties. The pension plans do not directly hold any shares of FBC's parent or affiliated companies.

The fair value measurements of the Corporation's defined benefit pension plan assets by fair value hierarchy level, which are described in further detail in note 20 "Financial Instruments", are as follows:

2019	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
($ millions)				
Equities	**110**	**-**	**-**	**110**
Fixed income	**-**	**79**	**-**	**79**
Real estate	**-**	**-**	**35**	**35**
	110	**79**	**35**	**224**

15. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS (continued)

2018	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
($ millions)				
Cash	1	-	-	1
Equities	92	-	-	92
Fixed income	-	77	-	77
Real estate	-	-	32	32
	93	77	32	202

The following table is a reconciliation of changes in the fair value of defined benefit pension plan assets that have been measured using Level 3 inputs for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018:

($ millions)	**2019**	2018
Balance, beginning of year	**32**	30
Actual return on plan assets relating to assets still held at the reporting date	**3**	2
Balance, end of year	**35**	32

There were no transfers into or out of Level 3 during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Significant Actuarial Assumptions

The significant weighted average actuarial assumptions used to determine the projected benefit obligation and the net benefit cost are as follows:

	Defined Benefit Pension and Supplemental Plans		**OPEB Plans**	
($ millions)	**2019**	2018	**2019**	2018
Projected benefit obligation				
Discount rate as at December 31	**3.00%**	3.75%	**3.00%**	3.75%
Rate of compensation increase	**3.00%**	3.00%	**-**	-
Net benefit cost				
Discount rate as at January 1	**3.75%**	3.50%	**3.75%**	3.50%
Expected rate of return on plan assets	**6.00%**	6.00%	**-**	-

The assumed health care cost trend rates for OPEB plans are as follows:

	2019	2018
Health care cost trend rate:		
Initial rate at December 31	**5.00%**	5.00%
Annual rate of decline in trend rate	**-**	-
Ultimate health care cost trend rate	**5.00%**	5.00%
Year ultimate rate reached	**2018**	2018

15. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS (continued)

The following table provides the components of and changes in the regulatory assets during the year that would otherwise have been recognized in other comprehensive income and AOCI and have not yet been recognized as components of periodic net benefit cost. The total unrecognized actuarial losses and past service costs for pension and OPEB that was recognized as a regulatory asset was $40 million (2018 - $28 million).

	Defined Benefit Pension and Supplemental Plans		OPEB Plans	
($ millions)	**2019**	2018	**2019**	2018
Regulatory asset, beginning of year	**34**	37	**(6)**	(3)
Net actuarial (gain) loss	**16**	(2)	**(4)**	(3)
Amortization of actuarial losses	**(1)**	(2)	**-**	-
Amortization of past service credit	**1**	1	**-**	-
Regulatory asset, end of year (note 8)	**50**	34	**(10)**	(6)

Funding Contributions

Under the terms of the defined benefit pension plans, the Corporation is required to provide pension funding contributions, including current service, solvency and special funding amounts. The Corporation's estimated 2020 contributions are $4 million (2019 - $4 million).

The Corporation's estimated 2020 OPEB contributions are $1 million (2019 - $1 million).

Benefit Payments

The following table provides the amount of benefit payments expected to be made over the next 10 years.

($ millions)	Defined Benefit Pension and Supplemental Plans	OPEB Plans
2020	**9**	**1**
2021	**9**	**1**
2022	**10**	**1**
2023	**10**	**1**
2024	**11**	**1**
2025-2029	**59**	**4**
	108	**9**

16. REVENUE

Disaggregation of Revenue

The following table presents the disaggregation of the Corporation's revenue by type of customer for the years ended December 31:

($ millions)	**2019**	2018
Residential	**177**	181
Commercial	**98**	96
Wholesale	**48**	47
Industrial	**39**	30
Total electricity revenue	**362**	354
Other contract revenue [1]	**34**	34
Total revenue from contracts with customers	**396**	388
Alternative revenue [2]	**3**	(4)
Other revenue [3]	**5**	7
Total revenue	**404**	391

[1] Other contract revenue includes customer connection fees, surplus capacity sales, third party contract work and pole attachments.

[2] Alternative revenue includes the Earnings Sharing Mechanism, which recognizes the 50/50 sharing of variances from the formula-driven operation and maintenance expenses and capital expenditures under the PBR Plan, and flow-through variances related to tariff-based revenue.

[3] Other revenue is primarily comprised of other flow-through and regulatory deferral adjustments resulting primarily from cost recovery variances in regulated forecasts used to set rates for electricity revenue.

17. FINANCE CHARGES

($ millions)	**2019**	2018
Interest on long-term debt	**38**	39
Interest on short-term debt	**3**	2
Debt component of AFUDC (note 6)	**(1)**	(1)
Net interest on debt	**40**	40
Interest on finance leases [1] (note 12)	**32**	-
Total finance charges	**72**	40

[1] In accordance with the adoption of ASC 842, interest on finance leases related to the Brilliant Power Purchase Agreement and the Brilliant Terminal Station have been reclassified from power purchase costs and operating costs, respectively, effective January 1, 2019.

18. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

The supplementary information to the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

($ millions)	2019	2018
Interest paid	43	40
Income taxes paid	8	11

Significant Non-Cash Transactions

($ millions)	2019	2018
Change in accrued capital expenditures	(3)	(1)
Change in regulated asset for deferred income taxes (note 8)	(16)	(9)
Change in regulated asset for BPPA lease costs (note 8)	(6)	(6)
Pension and OPEB unrecognized actuarial losses and past service costs regulatory asset (note 8)	(12)	6

Change in Working Capital

($ millions)	2019	2018
Accounts receivable	(4)	(2)
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	(14)	16
Change in working capital per Statements of Cash Flows	(16)	14

The non-cash investing activities balances as at December 31 were as follows:

($ millions)	2019	2018
Accrued capital expenditures	15	12

19. INCOME TAXES

Deferred Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes are provided for temporary differences. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities comprised the following:

($ millions)	2019	2018
Deferred income tax liability (asset)		
Property, plant and equipment	179	166
Intangible assets	13	12
Regulatory assets	12	11
Regulatory liabilities	(4)	(5)
Debt issuance costs	2	2
Employee future benefits	(8)	(8)
Other	(2)	(3)
Net deferred income tax liability	192	175

19. INCOME TAXES (continued)

Provision for Income Taxes

($ millions)	2019	2018
Current income tax expense	5	12
Deferred income tax expense	16	9
Regulatory adjustment (note 8)	(16)	(9)
Deferred income tax expense, net of regulatory adjustment	-	-
Income tax expense	5	12

Variation in Effective Income Tax Rate

Income taxes vary from the amount that would be computed by applying the Canadian federal and BC combined statutory income tax rate of 27.0 per cent (2018 – 27.0 per cent) to earnings before income taxes as shown in the following table:

	2019	2018
Combined statutory income tax rate	27.0%	27.0%
($ millions)		
Statutory income tax rate applied to earnings before income taxes	15	17
Items capitalized for accounting but expensed for income tax purposes	(3)	(3)
Difference between capital cost allowance and amounts expensed for accounting purposes	(6)	(4)
Difference between regulatory accounting items and amounts claimed for tax purposes	(1)	2
Actual income tax expense	5	12
Effective income tax rate	9.0%	19.5%

Taxation years 2014 and prior are no longer subject to examination in Canada. An examination of the open tax years subsequent to 2014 by the Canada Revenue Agency could result in a change in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

As at December 31, 2019, the Corporation had no non-capital or capital losses carried forward.

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Corporation categorizes financial instruments into the three level hierarchy based on inputs used to determine the fair value:

Level 1: Fair value determined using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets;
Level 2: Fair value determined using pricing inputs that are observable; and
Level 3: Fair value determined using unobservable inputs only when relevant observable inputs are not available.

Financial Instruments Not Carried at Fair Value

The fair value of a financial instrument is the market price to sell an asset or transfer a liability at the measurement date. The Corporation uses the following methods and assumptions for estimating the fair value of financial instruments:

- The carrying values of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, other current assets and liabilities and borrowings under the credit facilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets of the Corporation approximate their fair values due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments. These items have been excluded from the table below.

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

- For long-term debt, the Corporation uses quoted market prices when available. When quoted market prices are not available, the fair value is determined by discounting the future cash flows of the specific debt instrument at an estimated yield to maturity equivalent to benchmark government bonds or treasury bills, with similar terms to maturity, plus a market credit risk premium equal to that of issuers of similar credit quality. Since the Corporation does not intend to settle long-term debt prior to maturity, the fair value estimate does not represent an actual liability and, therefore, does not include exchange or settlement costs.

The use of different estimation methods and market assumptions may yield different estimated fair value amounts. The following table includes the carrying value and estimated fair value of the Corporation's long-term debt as at December 31:

		2019		2018	
($ millions)	**Fair Value Hierarchy**	**Carrying Value**	**Estimated Fair Value**	Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value
Long-term debt [1]	Level 2	**735**	**950**	735	848

[1] Includes secured and unsecured debentures for which the carrying value is measured at cost. Carrying value excludes unamortized debt issuance costs of $6 million (2018 - $6 million).

21. CREDIT FACILITIES

As at December 31, 2019, the Corporation had bank credit facilities of $160 million, comprised of a $150 million operating credit facility and a $10 million demand overdraft facility. The $150 million operating credit facility matures in April 2024.

The weighted average interest rate on borrowings under the Corporation's operating credit facility at December 31, 2019, was approximately 1.73 per cent (2018 - 3.21 per cent).

The following summary outlines the Corporation's credit facilities as at December 31:

($ millions)	**2019**	2018
Operating credit facility	**150**	150
Demand overdraft facility	**10**	10
Draws on operating credit facility	**(62)**	(66)
Draws on overdraft facility	**(3)**	(2)
Letters of credit outstanding	**(2)**	(1)
Credit facilities available	**93**	91

In addition to the above, during the fourth quarter of 2019 the Corporation borrowed $60 million (2018 - $nil) from its ultimate parent, Fortis. These demand loans are unsecured, due on demand, and carry interest equivalent to what the Corporation would pay when drawing on its operating credit facility. The proceeds from the demand loans were used to pay down the Corporation's credit facilities.

22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In the normal course of business, the Corporation transacts with its parent, FortisBC Pacific, ultimate parent, Fortis, and other related companies under common control, including FortisBC Energy Inc. ("FEI"), FortisBC Holdings Inc. ("FHI") and the Waneta Expansion Limited Partnership ("WELP"), to provide or receive services, materials, and power purchases under the Waneta Expansion Capacity Agreement ("WECA"). WELP ceased to be a related party to the Corporation as of April 16, 2019. The following transactions were measured at the exchange amount unless otherwise indicated.

Related Party Recoveries

The amounts charged to the Corporation's parent and other related parties under common control for the years ended December 31 were as follows:

($ millions)	**2019**	2018
Operating costs charged to FortisBC Pacific (a)	**7**	7
Electricity revenue recovered from FEI (b)	**1**	1
Operating costs charged to FEI (c)	**7**	7
Total related party recoveries	**15**	15

(a) The Corporation charged its parent, FortisBC Pacific, for management services, labour and materials.

(b) The Corporation charged FEI for electricity sales.

(c) The Corporation charged FEI for management services and other labour.

Related Party Costs

The amounts charged by Fortis and other related parties under common control for the years ended December 31 were as follows:

($ millions)	**2019**	2018
Power purchase costs charged by WELP (a)	**17**	47
Operating costs charged by WELP (a)	**-**	1
Operating costs charged by Fortis (b)	**2**	3
Operating costs charged by FEI (c)	**7**	6
Operating costs charged by FHI (d)	**1**	1
Total related party costs	**27**	58

(a) The Corporation was charged by WELP for purchasing capacity pursuant to the WECA and for a portion of water fees. During January 2019, Fortis announced the sale of its 51 per cent interest to parties not related to Fortis. The transaction closed April 16, 2019, after which time WELP ceased to be a related party to the Corporation.

(b) The Corporation was charged by Fortis for corporate management services, other compensation, and interest.

(c) The Corporation was charged by FEI for natural gas purchases, office rent, management services, and other labour.

(d) The Corporation was charged by FHI for management services and board of director costs.

22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Balance Sheet Amounts

The amounts due from related parties, included in accounts receivable on the Consolidated Balance Sheets, and the amounts due to related parties, included in accounts payable and other current liabilities, and due to parent company on the Consolidated Balance Sheets, were as follows as at December 31:

	2019		2018	
($ millions)	**Amount Due From**	**Amount Due To**	Amount Due From	Amount Due To
Due to parent company (a)	**-**	**(60)**	-	-
Accounts receivable or accounts payable and other current liabilities:				
WELP	**-**	**-**	-	(12)
FHI	**-**	**(1)**	-	-
Total due from (due to) related parties	**-**	**(61)**	-	(12)

(a) During the fourth quarter of 2019 the Corporation entered into demand loans with its ultimate parent, Fortis. These demand loans are unsecured, due on demand, and bear interest equivalent to draws on its operating credit facility.

23. COMMITMENTS

The following table sets forth the Corporation's estimated contractual obligations due in the years indicated:

As at December 31, 2019	**Total**	**Due Within 1 Year**	**Due in Year 2**	**Due in Year 3**	**Due in Year 4**	**Due in Year 5**	**Due After 5 Years**
($ millions)							
Power purchase obligations (a)	**2,971**	**107**	**92**	**87**	**85**	**83**	**2,517**
Finance lease obligations (note 12)	**1,246**	**32**	**32**	**33**	**33**	**33**	**1,083**
Interest obligations on long-term debt	**834**	**35**	**38**	**36**	**36**	**34**	**655**
Long-term debt [1]	**735**	**-**	**25**	**-**	**25**	**-**	**685**
Other (b)	**9**	**7**	**1**	**1**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Totals	**5,795**	**181**	**188**	**157**	**179**	**150**	**4,940**

[1] Excludes unamortized debt issuance costs.

(a) In addition to the BPPA, which has been recognized as a finance lease obligation (note 12), the Corporation's power purchase obligations consist of the following:

Waneta Expansion Capacity Agreement ("WECA")

In 2010, FortisBC entered into an agreement to purchase capacity from the Waneta Expansion, a 335 MW hydroelectric generating facility adjacent to the existing Waneta Plant on the Pend d'Oreille River in BC. The WECA, which was accepted by the BCUC in May 2012, allows FBC to purchase capacity over 40 years, beginning April 1, 2015. Up until April 16, 2019, the Waneta Expansion was owned by a limited partnership, the limited partners of which were FBC's ultimate parent, Fortis, which owned a 51 per cent interest, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of each of Columbia Power Corporation ("CPC") and Columbia Basin Trust ("CBT"). During January 2019, Fortis announced the sale of its 51 per cent interest to CPC and CBT. The transaction closed April 16, 2019.

BC Hydro Power Purchase Agreement ("BCH PPA")

In 2013, FortisBC entered into the BCH PPA to purchase up to 200 MW of capacity and 1,752 GWh per year of associated energy for a 20 year term beginning October 1, 2013. The BCH PPA was approved by the BCUC in May 2014 and was effective July 1, 2014. The capacity and energy to be purchased under this agreement do not relate to a specific plant. The BCH PPA meets the exemption for normal purchases and as such is not required to be recorded at fair value as a derivative.

23. COMMITMENTS (continued)

Capacity and Energy Purchase and Sale Agreement ("CEPSA")

In 2015, FBC entered into the CEPSA which allows FBC to purchase all of its market energy requirements from Powerex and for FBC to sell any surplus capacity to Powerex that may be available after FBC meets its load requirements. The CEPSA was accepted by the BCUC in April 2015 and became effective beginning May 2015. As at December 31, 2019, the total power purchase obligations outstanding under the CEPSA were approximately $14 million through to the first quarter of 2021. The energy purchases under the CEPSA do not relate to specific plants and the output being purchased does not constitute a significant portion of the output of a specific plant.

Brilliant Expansion Capacity and Energy Purchase Agreement

In 2017, FortisBC entered into an agreement to purchase capacity and energy from CPC, acting on behalf of the Brilliant Expansion Power Corporation, from January 2018 through to December 2027. The agreement was accepted by the BCUC in October 2017.

(b) Included in other contractual obligations are building leases, vehicle leases, defined benefit pension plan funding obligations, and an asset retirement obligation.

24. GUARANTEES

The Corporation had letters of credit outstanding at December 31, 2019 totaling $2 million (2018 - $1 million) primarily to support the funding of one of the Corporation's pension plans and a wheeling agreement.