# FortisBC Inc. Resource Planning Advisory Group Meeting

November 25, 2020



### Housekeeping

- Presenters will turn their cameras on optional for others
- Please mute yourself when you're not speaking
- If you have a question, please speak up



- We will be taking notes and distributing them later we will not identify individuals or organizations
- Agenda in meeting request includes a glossary
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#### **RPAG Purpose and Objective**

#### **Purpose:**

- Inform, update stakeholders on FortisBC (FBC) resource planning
- Get input and feedback from stakeholders on key planning items

#### **Objective:**

• Help develop a more informed and robust resource plan

### Agenda

8:30 am – 8:45 am	Introductions	Mike Hopkins – Senior Manager, Price Risk & Resource Planning
8:45 am – 9:15 am	Stakeholder Load Scenarios	<b>David Bailey</b> – Customer Energy & Forecasting Manager
9:15 am – 9:45 am	Market Price and Rate Forecasts	<b>Jassi Randhawa</b> – Price Risk & Market Specialist
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Break	
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Supply-Side Resource Options	<b>Ron Zeilstra –</b> Resource Development Manager
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Demand-Side Management Update	Steven Groves – Engineer, Conservation & Energy Management
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Break	
11:15 am – 11:45 pm	Portfolio Analysis	<b>Ryan Steele</b> – Power Supply Planning Specialist
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	Wrap-Up and Next Steps	Mike Hopkins

## Introductions

#### **RPAG Members**

Affiliation	Contact	Title
B.C. Ministry of Energy & Mines - Electricity and Alternate Energy Division	Jack Buchanan	Senior Policy Advisor
B.C. Municipal Electric Utilities (BCMEU)	Carmen Proctor	EcoSave Program Manager, Nelson Hydro
B.C. Public Interest Advocacy Centre (BCPIAC)	Leigha Worth	Executive Director & General Counsel
B.C. Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA)	Tom Hackney	Policy Analyst
B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC)	Nicola Simon	Executive Director, Facilities and Planning
BC Hydro	KathyLee	Resource Planning Specialist
Clean Energy Association of B.C.	Laureen Whyte	Executive Director
Commercial Energy Consumers Association of B.C. (CEC)	David Craig	Executive Director
B.C. First Nations Energy and Mining Council	Paul Blom	Executive Director
Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society	Camille Leblanc	Assistant Environmental Manager
Industrial Customers Group (ICG)	Robert Hobbs	Council for the ICG
Irrigation Rate Payers Group	Brian Mennell	Chairman, Fairview Heights Irrigation District
Penticton Indian Band	Jonathan Baynes	CEO, K'ul Management Group
Lower Similkameen Indian Band	TrudyPeterson	Team Lead Capital Housing and Public Works
Okanagan Indian Band	SammyLouie	Communications and Special Events Coordinator
Pembina Institute	Tom-Pierre Frappé-Sénéclauze	Director, Buildings and Urban Solutions
MoveUp	Jim Quail	Legal Director
FortisBC	Mike Hopkins	Senior Manager, Price Risk & Resource Planning
FortisBC	Dan Egolf	Senior Manager, Power Supply & Planning
FortisBC	Keith Veerman	Manager, Conservation & Energy Management
FortisBC	David Bailey	Customer Energy & Forecasting Manager
FortisBC	Joyce Martin	Manager, Regulatory Affairs
FortisBC	Ryan Steele	Power Supply Planning Specialist
FortisBC	Ron Zeilstra	Resource Development Manager
FortisBC	Ken Ross	Manager, Integrated Resource Planning & DSM Reporting

## **Stakeholder Load Scenarios**

#### **Scenario Analysis**

- The Business as Usual forecast is a simple extension of current trends.
- The Reference Case forecast contains additional loads that we are certain of.
- Scenario analysis is used to identify and account for uncertainties in our long term resource planning.
- There are six scenarios:
  - Navigant provided five scenarios that model potential future states of the world.
  - The Crowd Forecast scenario uses the "Slider" exercise to gather stakeholder views of what the future holds for electricity use.

#### **Collective Intelligence**



### The Exercise

- We identified 10 drivers not intrinsic in the historic data.
  - Navigant provided upper and lower estimates of the load and peak impact of each driver through 2040.
- Users used the FBC Slider tool to provide their opinions of where each driver would end up, and how we would get there.
- The Crowd Forecast scenario is the result of 18 responses.
  - 9 Fortis staff
  - 9 RPAG members



- We use the actuals to create the BAU.
- The BAU is accurate as long as there are no new drivers.
- The Reference Case reflects things not "baked in" like the ZEV Act and highly probable new loads.







#### Median Result by Driver by Group





#### 2040 Median Result by Driver and Group







#### Median Result by Driver by Group for All Responders



#### Median Peak Result by Driver



#### Conclusions

No consensus on what the future holds

Stakeholder views skewed to upside rather than downside

FBC should be prepared for increases in load above Reference Case forecast

We will include higher loads in our portfolio analysis

Hydrogen, EVs and large load sector transformation are seen as most important drivers

## Market Price and Rate Forecasts and Scenarios

#### Inputs for Supply-Side Resource Options

- Sumas gas prices: variable fuel costs for gas-fired generation
- RNG prices: variable fuel costs for gas-fired generation using RNG
- Mid-C power prices: cost of market purchases
- Carbon prices: cost of carbon applied to fuel cost of gas-fired generation and non-clean market purchases
- PPA rates: cost of PPA Tranche 1 and 2 energy and capacity

## Sumas Gas Price Forecasts (Preliminary)

#### **Historical Sumas Prices**



#### 2016 LTERP Sumas Price Forecast



Source : NPCC 7<sup>th</sup> Power Plan

#### 2021 LTERP Sumas Price Forecast



 Prices trending up due to increasing Regional Demand and Constrained Infrastructure

### Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Price Forecasts

#### **RNG Price Forecast**



Bulk of the Supply Contracts are in place until 2023; less certainty going forward

## Mid-C Power Price Forecasts (Preliminary)

#### **Historical Mid-C Prices**



#### 2016 LTERP Mid-C Price Forecast



Source : NPCC 7<sup>th</sup> Power Plan

• Largely based on Sumas price forecast as gas-fired plants are often the marginal generating resource to meet regional peak load requirements

#### 2021 LTERP Mid-C Price Forecast



 Mid-C prices are disassociating from Sumas gas prices due to increased renewable generation

### **BC Carbon Price Scenarios**

#### **B.C. Carbon Price Scenarios**



- Current rate at \$40/Tonne.
- Carbon Tax Forecasted Increases :
  - 2021 +\$5/Tonne (\$45/Tonne)
  - 2022 +\$5/Tonne (\$50/Tonne)
## **BC Hydro PPA Rate Scenarios**

#### PPA Tranche 1 Energy Rate Scenarios



- Current Tranche 1 Energy rate is \$50.07/MWh (Energy up to 1041 GWh)
- BCH Rate Change Forecast :
  - 2021 -0.99%
  - 2022 +2.7%
  - 2023 -0.30%
  - 2024 +3.0%

#### PPA Tranche 2 Energy Rate Scenarios



- Current Tranche 2 Energy rate is \$95.09/MWh (based on BC Hydro LRMC)
- Energy above Tranche 1 up to 1752 GWh
- Low rate set just above Tranche 1 Energy rate high scenario

#### **PPA Capacity Rate Scenarios**



- Current Rate Capacity rate is \$104/kW-year
- Same assumptions for increases as Tranche 1 Energy

# **Break**

# Supply-Side Resource Options



#### **Resource Options Update**



#### **Resource Options**

#### FBC Electric Service Territory Resource Projects



#### **BC** Resource Projects



#### **Resource Attributes in Portfolio**



## Supply-Side Resource Types



• FBC options selections based on least-cost and variety of types and sizes

## **Comparing Resource Costs**



#### Unit Energy Cost Summary



#### Unit Capacity Cost Summary



#### Key Differences between FBC & BCH UECs

- Different Discount Rates
- Inclusion of GHG costs
  - Direct Emissions
- Different commodities forecasts
  - Natural gas, RNG, Mid-C Market
- Inclusion of Wheeling (BCH to FBC)

#### Focus on Wind and Solar Cost Updates

#### Lazard Levelized Cost of Energy and Levelized Cost of Storage 2019



#### **Projection of Decreasing Resource Costs**

NREL Annual Technology Baseline

NREL: <a href="https://atb.nrel.gov/electricity/2020/">https://atb.nrel.gov/electricity/2020/</a>

Similar assumptions suggested by BC Hydro



## **Other Supply-Side Resource Options**

- Market Imports (carbon content)
- Specified source (clean and renewable) imports
- Renewal of expiring FBC contracts (Brilliant Expansion capacity contact)
- Incremental BC Hydro power supply agreement
- Self-generation supply from commercial/industrial third party
- Distributed Generation included in load scenarios rather than as a resource option

### Self-Sufficiency?

• BC Clean Energy Act (Section 6):

(2) The authority must achieve electricity self-sufficiency

(4) A public utility...must consider British Columbia's energy objective to achieve electricity self-sufficiency.

• BCUC 2016 LTERP decision (Order G-117-18):

...the Panel finds that FBC's objective of achieving electricity self- sufficiency is not in the public interest...

• Clean Energy Act Amendments per Bill 17 (proposed June 2020):

The following comprise British Columbia's energy objectives:

(a) to achieve electricity self-sufficiency;

• On July 15, 2020 Independent MLA Andrew Weaver proposed the following amendments to Bill 17:

Maintaining the province's energy objectives of electricity self-sufficiency...

# **DSM Update**

#### **DSM Timelines**

- CPR Results: preliminary results out now, finalized in Dec 2020
- LT DSM Plan: filed with LTERP in 2021
- DSM Expenditure Plan for 2023-2027: based on LT DSM Plan and filed in 2022

## **CPR** Update

- Conservation Potential Review assesses the amount of conservation potential left in the "cupboard"
- 2020 CPR is considered an update
  - Uses the same methodology and DSMSim model used in previous CPR
  - Covers technical, economic, and achievable potential in the residential, commercial, industrial sectors
  - Updated measures where costs and savings have changed and added several, including steps of the BC Energy Step Code

#### **Updated Avoided Costs**

 Update Long Run Marginal Cost (LRMC) & Deferred Capital Expenditure (DCE)



\*Preliminary value for CPR only. FBC's portfolio analysis will determine final LRMC value

#### **Preliminary CPR Results**



#### **Top DSM Measures**



## **DSM** Targets

- Previously used load growth offset
- Alternatives for consideration
  - load growth offset
  - % of sales
  - Include EV load?
    - DSM vs. rates

#### 2016 Long Term DSM Plan: DSM Target Scenarios



# **Break**

# **Portfolio Analysis**

### 2021 LTERP LRB – Annual Energy



• 2021 LT DSM Plan to be determined

## 2021 LTERP LRB – Winter Peak Demand



- 2021 LT DSM Plan to be determined
- Excludes any initiatives to shift home EV charging off peak demand times

### What is Portfolio Analysis?

- Evaluation of different groupings of demand-side and supply-side resources to meet load-resource balance gaps
  - Considers both monthly energy and capacity requirements
- Insight into how portfolios perform under changing conditions
- Assessment of tradeoffs between different portfolios
- Helps to inform the selection of preferred portfolio to meet the objectives

### **Portfolio Modelling**

#### Resource Portfolio

 Optimization model to find the lowest cost of meeting the reference case load forecast given a set of constraints

#### FBC Marginal Decisions

- What is the optimum utilization of PPA?
- When and what new resources should be acquired?
  - Once a new resource is acquired, how much energy should it generate?
- What is the optimum utilization of the Wholesale Energy Market?

#### Load Requirements & Standing Resources



#### **Resource Classification for Modelling Purposes**



Rates

#### **Demand Side Load Drivers**

**Customer** controls marginal investment decision

**DSM Measures** 

- Decrease Energy
   Consumption
- Shift time of Demand

Distributed Generation

• Net metering

**Price Signal** to balance supply and demand

- Marginal Costs
- Cost of Service
- Behavior Change

Utility can incent action through rebates and rates **Supply Side Resources** 

**Utility** controls marginal investment decision

- Selection made with considerations for size, location, and load shape
- Set expectations of monthly energy and capacity
- Dispatch can be scheduled

## Available Resources in Portfolio

#### Demand Side Management

- Varying DSM portfolios
- BC Hydro PPA (RS3808)
  - Capacity (200MW)
  - Tranche 1 Energy & Tranche 2 Energy

#### New Resources

- Resource Options Update
- Wholesale Market
  - Energy vs Capacity



## Portfolio Characteristics & Investigations

'Base' Characteristics	Investigations
Load Requirements	<ul> <li>Reference Case Forecast</li> <li>Load Scenarios</li> <li>Reference Case with EV charging shifted</li> </ul>
DSM Level	<ul><li>DSM Portfolios (TBD)</li><li>No DSM*</li></ul>
% Clean or Renewable Energy	<ul> <li>Natural Gas Permitted</li> <li>Only Clean or Renewable Resources**</li> <li>RNG Gas Permitted</li> <li>High Carbon &amp; Commodity Prices</li> </ul>
Access to Wholesale Market	<ul> <li>No Self-Sufficiency</li> <li>Capacity Self-Sufficient by 2030</li> <li>Capacity &amp; Energy Self Sufficient by 2030</li> <li>High Carbon &amp; Commodity Prices</li> </ul>
PPA Renewal	<ul><li>PPA renewed in 2033</li><li>PPA not renewed in 2033</li></ul>
	* For sumprover of determining a LDMC value for DOM Degulation Only

\* For purposes of determining a LRMC value for DSM Regulation Only

\*\* as defined by the CEA
# **Portfolio Evaluation Framework**

Portfolio Categories Examples	Portfolio	Resource Mix	Portfolio Attributes							
			Cost		Environment			Resiliency		Economic
			LRMC	Rate Impacts	% Non-Clean Resources	GHG Emissions	Footprint	Operational Flexibility	Geographic Diversity	BC Employment
Clean vs. non- clean										
PPA vs. no PPA renewal										
Self- sufficiency vs. market										
High load scenarios										

Pillars• Cost• Resiliency• Environment• Support for Economy

#### 2021 LTERP Overarching Objectives

- Ensure cost-effective, secure and reliable power for customers
- Provide cost-effective demand-side management and cleaner customer solutions
- Consistency with provincial energy objectives
  - e.g. applicable *Clean Energy Act* objectives (CleanBC plan)

# Wrap Up & Next Steps

### **FBC Next Steps**

- Upload presentation and meeting notes to FortisBC website
- Review and consider feedback
- Community and Indigenous consultation
- Direct customer surveys
- Determine DSM portfolios
- Portfolio analysis including LRMC
- Schedule Guidehouse Pathways presentation meeting Q1 2021
- Plan next RPAG meeting Q1 2021

### **Next Meeting Topics**

- DSM portfolios
- Load-Resource balance after DSM
- Preliminary portfolio analysis results including LRMC

## **LTERP** Development Timeline



#### Feedback and Questions

- Please fill out the Feedback form
- Feel free to email any questions, comments



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