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February 14, 2019

British Columbia Municipal Electrical Utilities
c/o Nelson Hydro
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Attention: Ms. Marg Craig

Dear Ms. Craig:

Re: FortisBC Inc. (FBC)

Project No. 1598987

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Grand Forks Terminal Station Reliability Project (the Application)

Response to the British Columbia Municipal Electrical Utilities (BCMEU) Information Request (IR) No. 1

On November 19, 2018, FBC filed the Application referenced above. In accordance with the British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-250-18 setting out the Regulatory Timetable for review of the Application, FBC respectfully submits the attached response to BCMEU IR No. 1.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC INC.

Original signed:

Doug Slater

Attachments

cc (email only): Commission Secretary
Registered Parties



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1 **1.0 REF: 3.1 Overview of Existing Facilities**

2 1.1 Is there, or soon to be expected, a primary metered customer near Christina Lake
3 connected to either 161 or 63KV?

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5 **Response:**

6 Yes, FBC has an industrial class customer connected to 11 Line at 161 kV.

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10 1.2 If so, how does this customer impact planning for N-1 contingencies?

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12 **Response:**

13 This customer load does not impact the Grand Forks transformer or 9L and 10L N-1 planning
14 criteria because it is connected to the 161 kV system. The Grand Forks Reliability project is
15 needed to supply load at a 63 kV level. The customer load does not impact the scope of this
16 project.

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1 **2.0 REF: 6.1.2 Transmission & Distribution**

2 "Distribution ROW will need to be acquired for the 9L and 10L distribution re-purposing
3 work."

4 2.1 Does ROW already exist for 9L and 10L transmission lines?

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6 **Response:**

7 Yes, ROWs exist for 9L and 10L, However, there are areas along the 9L and 10L corridor where
8 there may not be distribution land rights covering portions of the lines. Please also refer to the
9 response to BCUC IR 1.9.2.

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13 2.2 What new ROW acquisitions are needed?

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15 **Response:**

16 Please refer to the response to BCUC IR 1.9.2.

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1 **3.0 REF: 6.4 Rate Impact**

2 3.1 When the project is put into the rate base, which rate classes (transmission,
3 wholesale, industrial or residential) will the costs be allocated to?
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5 **Response:**

6 When the project enters rate base beginning in 2021, the incremental cost of service will be
7 recovered from all customers by way of a general rate change, therefore the costs will be
8 allocated to rate classes in proportion to the allocation existing at the time. FBC is awaiting a
9 decision on its 2017 Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Application; any changes in
10 allocation factors from those embedded in the existing rates are expected to be implemented
11 beginning in 2019.