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Tower Ranch Community Association
lbray@parkbridge.com

Attention: Mr. Larry Bray

Dear Mr. Bray:

Re: FortisBC Inc. (FBC)

Project No. 1599088

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Kelowna Bulk Transformer Addition Project (the Application)

Response to the Tower Ranch Community Association (TRCA) Information Request (IR) No. 1

On April 24, 2020, FBC filed the Application referenced above. In accordance with the British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-107-20 setting out the Regulatory Timetable for review of the Application, FBC respectfully submits the attached response to TRCA 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. Will there be a process established for coordination between the applicant (Fortis BC)
2 and the community association to ensure that concerns are addressed?
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4 **Response:**

5 Yes. During the virtual open house on April 22, 2020, FBC committed to establishing a
6 coordinated process with a focus group, to be set up by the community association's Board of
7 Directors, to continue discussions during the Project Application process and during
8 construction of the Project.

9 It is FBC's understanding that the most significant concerns relate to the aesthetics and visibility
10 of the substation. In this regard, the removal of the existing white storage facility will
11 significantly reduce the visible impact of the station. In addition to removing this structure, FBC
12 intends to provide visual screening at road level, and is willing to consider options brought
13 forward by the TRCA community, where practical, and provided that such options do not
14 negatively impact the safety, reliability, or security of its facilities or require ongoing
15 maintenance on the part of FBC.

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19 2. Would Fortis be willing to help mitigate the negative impact of the views from the hillside
20 and along the access/egress road?
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22 **Response:**

23 Please refer to the response to TRCA IR1 1.

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27 3. Would Fortis BC consider the possibility that sight lines can be improved through
28 imaginative landscaping applications which may benefit from work on adjacent unused
29 properties?
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31 **Response:**

32 Please refer to the response to TRCA IR1 1.

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1 4. The community is interested in knowing if the applicant (Fortis BC) is willing to consult
2 owners of adjacent properties with the objective of improving aesthetics?
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4 **Response:**

5 FBC considers the focus group being established by the community association's Board of
6 Directors and referred to in the response to TRCA IR1 1 to be an efficient means of garnering
7 input, and if residents of adjacent properties wish to participate in the focus group, FBC would
8 have no objections.