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British Columbia Utilities Commission  
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street  
Vancouver, B.C.  
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Attention: Ms. Marija Tresoglavic, Acting Commission Secretary

Dear Ms. Tresoglavic:

**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 British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Information Request (IR) No. 2, Question 44 – BCUC Request for Further Information - Update**

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On August 20, 2020, FBC filed its responses to BCUC IR No. 2 in the above referenced proceeding and on September 3, 2020, FBC submitted further information on BCUC IR2 44 in response to a request of the BCUC.<sup>1</sup> FBC also advised that it would provide an update to the BCUC should a meeting occur prior to the close of the regulatory process.

FBC is pleased to report to the BCUC that a meeting took place between FBC and Westbank First Nations on Thursday, September 8, 2020. A summary of that meeting is provided in the update BCUC IR2 44.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

**FORTISBC INC.**

***Original signed:***

Diane Roy

Attachments

cc (email only): Registered Parties

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit A-7.



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1 With respect to the above noted proceeding and in response to British Columbia Utilities  
2 Commission (BCUC) Information Request 44.0 (Exhibit B-7), FortisBC Inc. (FBC) states:

3 FBC has received additional communication from two Indigenous communities since the  
4 June 27, 2020 email. Specifically:

- 5 • FBC received a request for a meeting with an Indigenous community and is in the  
6 process of scheduling this meeting for mid to late August; and
- 7 • A second Indigenous community emailed to inquire about the project and then  
8 deferred further communication about the Project with FBC to the community  
9 mentioned above.

10 The BCUC requests that FBC provide the following:

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- 12 1. Confirmation of the date of FBC's meeting with the Indigenous community; and
- 13 2. The outcomes of the meeting, including as a minimum: topics discussed, concerns  
14 raised by the Indigenous community, FBC's responses, further actions to be undertaken  
15 by FBC and/or the Indigenous community, and whether any further meetings have been  
16 scheduled.
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19 **Response**

20 FBC initially responded to these questions on September 3, 2020. At that time FBC and with  
21 Westbank First Nation (WFN) had not been able to meet with regard to the KBTA Project.

22 FBC confirms that a virtual meeting was held on Thursday, September 8, 2020 and provides  
23 below a summary of that meeting.

24 FBC presented the project overview describing the station history, need for the project, scope,  
25 timelines and regulatory review process. The Lee Terminal Station was originally constructed in  
26 the late 1950s. During that period, consultation with First Nations and archaeological assessment  
27 work would not have been carried out in the same way it is today. Accordingly, WFN expressed  
28 concerns regarding the lack of consultation and archaeological assessment work when the station  
29 was originally constructed, and feel there is a need for accommodation for the past alienation of  
30 the land.

31 WFN did acknowledge that times were different then and agreed that the upgrade FBC is  
32 proposing is important. WFN advised that it will not oppose the Project. FBC has committed to  
33 future meetings with WFN to discuss accommodation, such as opportunities for contracting,  
34 employment and/or procurement opportunities for aspects of construction, and the inclusion of a  
35 cultural component at the Project site to reflect the history of the area.



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- 1 FBC followed up on September 14<sup>th</sup> to schedule the next meeting with WFN to explore services
- 2 WFN has available, contracting opportunities and to discuss including cultural artwork at the station and is awaiting a response.
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