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British Columbia Utilities Commission  
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street  
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Attention: Mr. Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary

Dear Mr. Wruck:

**Re: FortisBC Inc. (FBC)**

**2019-2022 Demand Side Management Expenditure Plan – Request for  
Acceptance of Carryover of 2021 Overspend (Application)**

**Response to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Information  
Request (IR) No. 1**

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On March 31, 2022, FBC filed the Application referenced above. In accordance with the regulatory timetable established in BCUC Order G-124-22 for the review of the Application, FBC respectfully submits the attached response to BCUC IR No. 1.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

**FORTISBC INC.**

***Original signed:***

Diane Roy

Attachments



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2 **Response:**  
3 Confirmed.

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7 1.2.1 Please outline the revised 2022 budgets for each of these program areas.

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9 **Response:**

10 Please refer to the below table for the revised 2022 budgets for the Residential, Commercial, and  
11 Industrial Program Areas:

Program Area	Original 2022 Budget (\$000s)	2021 Negative Carryover Requested	Revised 2022 Budget (\$000s)
Residential	\$2,795	\$141	\$2,654
Commercial	\$3,047	\$119	\$2,928
Industrial	\$1,815	\$265	\$1,550

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15 1.3 Please elaborate on the drivers of higher than anticipated customer participation  
16 in the Residential, Commercial and Industrial Program Areas.

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18 **Response:**

19 FBC has not conducted a formal evaluation into the drivers of higher customer participation in the  
20 Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Program Areas. However, FBC hypothesizes it is due to  
21 the following major drivers:

- 22 • Higher than forecast community growth in the Okanagan and Kootenays, resulting in  
23 higher than forecast participation in the New Home Program;
- 24 • Some residential customers redistributed disposable income into home improvements  
25 during the pandemic which, combined with the time-limited enhanced incentives in the  
26 COVID-19 recovery offers, drove higher than expected participation in the Home  
27 Renovation Rebate, New Home Program, and Retail Lighting Program;
- 28 • The impacts of the time-limited increased incentives associated with FBC’s COVID-19  
29 recovery offers outweighed the lower than usual business spending during the pandemic,  
30 with the net-result being higher than forecast participation in the Commercial Prescriptive,  
31 Industrial Performance, and Industrial Prescriptive Programs; and

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- Higher than planned growth of the cannabis industry in the Kootenays resulted in higher than anticipated participation in the Industrial Prescriptive and Performance Programs.



