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Gary Guthrie
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Attention: Mr. Gary Guthrie

Dear Mr. Guthrie:

Re: FortisBC Inc. (FBC)

**Application for Approval of a Deferral Account for Electric Vehicle Workplace
and Fleet Charging Funding (the Application)**

Response to Gary Guthrie (Guthrie) Information Request (IR) No. 1

On May 13, 2022, FBC filed the Application referenced above. In accordance with the regulatory timetable established in British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-152-22 for the review of the Application, FBC respectfully submits the attached response to Guthrie IR No. 1.

For convenience and efficiency, FBC has occasionally provided an internet address for referenced reports instead of attaching lengthy documents to its IR responses. FBC intends for the referenced documents to form part of its IR responses and the evidentiary record in this proceeding.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC INC.

Original signed:

Diane Roy

Attachments

cc (email only): Commission Secretary
Registered Parties

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1 Application of a Deferral Account for EV Workplace and Fleet Charging Funding

2 1.0 Reference: 1.1.2 Basis and Assumptions

3 Page 2, line 12 FBC states:

4 *“...there is a high level of interest in deploying Level 2 charging infrastructure”* to
5 five consulted organizations

6 FBC is commended for identifying potential customers and exploring the business
7 opportunity of installing Level 2 chargers. By identifying this potential demand, FBC has
8 removed some of the risk and uncertainty of deploying EV chargers. With reduced risk
9 and a known level for future revenues, exempt EVSE providers, such as ChargePoint,
10 may be interested in installing these chargers, particularly with FBC capital financial
11 support.

12 1.1 Did FBC consider offering this opportunity to exempt EVSE providers? In other
13 words, providing the same incentives to an exempt provider and allowing it to own,
14 install and manage the future operations of the charging stations.

15 1.2 If not, why not?
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17 **Response:**

18 The entity that is financially responsible for the electric service to the meters is eligible for the
19 proposed rebate. FBC has no concerns if that entity is an exempt Electric Vehicle Supply
20 Equipment (EVSE) provider. In all cases, the entity receiving the incentive will be also be
21 responsible for the electric account associated with the incented charging stations.

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25 1.3 What are the impediments, if any, to this approach?
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27 **Response:**

28 FBC is not aware of any impediments to providing the proposed incentive to EVSE providers.
29 The incentive will be available to the EVSE provider directly if they are also responsible for the
30 electric account associated with the stations. If the EVSE provider is not responsible for the
31 electric service, they may still supply charging equipment and services to the electric account
32 owner.

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1 1.4 Why is a FBC-managed install the only method to address these customer needs?

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3 **Response:**

4 FBC has not proposed managing the installation of the incented charging stations. The
5 installation will be the responsibility of the customer receiving the incentive.

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9 Page 2, line 10 FBC states:

10 *The application is for the “deployment of workplace and light-duty fleet Level 2*
11 *chargers”*

12 Page 3, line 8 FBC states:

13 *“amortized over a 10 year period into the rates of all FBC customers.”*

14 1.5 Will these chargers be available to all EV owners?

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16 **Response:**

17 Please refer to the response to BCUC IR1 10.1.

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21 1.6 If not, what is the justification for FBC providing a financial benefit for exclusive use
22 to select private organizations supported by charges to FBC’s general rate base.

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24 **Response:**

25 Please refer to the response to BCUC IR1 11.2.

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