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British Columbia Utilities Commission  
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street  
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Attention: Ms. Sara Hardgrave, Acting Commission Secretary

Dear Ms. Hardgrave:

**Re: FortisBC Inc. (FBC)**  
**Annual Review for 2023 Rates (Application)**  
**Response to Workshop Undertaking**

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On August 5, 2022, FBC filed the Application referenced above. In accordance with the regulatory timetable established in the British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-193-22 for the review of the Application, FBC respectfully files the attached response to the undertaking from the Workshop held on October 20, 2022.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC.**

***Original signed:***

Diane Roy

Attachments

cc (email only): Registered Parties

**FortisBC Inc. (FBC or the Company)  
Annual Review for 2023 Rates (Application)**

**UNDERTAKING No. 1**

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**HEARING DATE:** October 20, 2022

**TRANSCRIPT**

**REFERENCE:** Volume 1, Page 30, Lines 5 to 22; Page 113, Lines 16 to 21

**REQUESTOR:** Ms. Worth, BCOAPO

**WITNESS:** Ho, Anthony

**QUESTION:** Explain why the 2022 Seed gross load in Table 3-2 of the Application is different than the 2022 Projected Gross Load provided in Table 4-1 of the Application.

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**RESPONSE:**

There is no direct relationship between the 2022 Seed gross load of 3,771 GWh in Table 3-2 of the Application and the 2022 Projected gross load of 3,786 GWh in Table 4-1 of the Application (also shown in Table 4-2 and Table 4-3 of the Application).

The 2022 Seed forecast is an updated forecast for 2022 using actuals up to 2021, which is established only for the purpose of creating a load forecast for 2023. As explained in the response to CEC IR1 4.1, the 2022 Seed forecast is an update to the 2022 Approved forecast using the more recent full year of 2021 Actual data. This is because the 2022 Approved forecast was completed in mid-2021 as part of the 2022 Annual Review and only included actual data up to 2020. FBC does not use any actual data from 2022 to create the 2022 Seed forecast or the 2023 Forecast; hence it is called a 2022 Seed forecast, not a 2022 Projected forecast. As also explained in response to CEC IR1 4.1, FBC does not use mid-year actual data for the Seed forecast because it can lead to poorer load forecast results due to timing issues. Using final year-end actual data provides more consistency and stability for the 2023 load forecast.

On the other hand, the 2022 Projected gross load shown in various tables in Section 4 of the Application is a projection for 2022 using actuals up to April 2022. FBC used this to develop the 2022 projected revenue and power supply costs for the purpose of the 2022 projected balance of the flow-through deferral account as well as to evaluate the reasonableness of the 2023 Forecast. As explained above, the 2022 Projected gross load was not used as part of the 2023 gross load forecast.

FBC also notes, as shown in Table 12-4 of the Application and approved as part of the MRP Decision, variances in revenue as well as power supply costs, which could be a result of the load forecast, are captured in the Flow-through deferral account and are recovered from or returned to customers in subsequent years.