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British Columbia Utilities Commission  
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street  
Vancouver, BC  
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Attention: Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary

Dear Patrick Wruck:

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

**Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the A.S. Mawdsley (ASM) Terminal Station Project (Application)**

**British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Exhibit A-3 – Public Notice Confirmation**

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FBC writes in response to Exhibit A-3 in the above referenced proceeding, in which the BCUC requested FBC to confirm the public notice compliance requirements were fulfilled as set out in Order G-70-23.

FBC confirms that the Adams Lake Indian Band and Colville Confederated Tribes were not originally provided notice of Order G-70-23 and the Application. FBC uses the BC Government's Consultative Areas Database (CAD) to generate a list of Indigenous Communities in the Project area, as per the Spatial Overview Engine (SOE) Reports queried on October 11, 2022. FortisBC used this list of Indigenous communities for our engagement activities. FBC's archaeological consultant used both the CAD and Nations Connect, an online platform some Indigenous groups use for communication with government and industry, to determine the Indigenous communities or organizations to be contacted regarding archaeological work. FBC defers only to the CAD for consultation activities, and therefore Adams Lake Indian Band and Colville Confederated Tribes were not notified of the Order and Application. However, FBC notes that the Order did specifically state "All Indigenous groups identified in the Application", and therefore FBC has provided notice to the two groups via email on May 3, 2023.

FBC confirms that the Okanagan Nation Alliance was provided notice of Order G-70-23 and the Application, by way of Nations Connect portal, on April 6, 2023. Their exclusion in FBC's letter notifying the BCUC was an oversight.

FBC confirms that it provided verbal communication to Teck Metals Ltd. prior to filing, but a copy of Order G-70-23 and the Application was not provided. This was an oversight and FBC has provided this notice to Teck Metals Ltd. on May 3, 2023.

FBC confirms the following municipalities and regional districts<sup>1</sup> were provided notice of Order G-70-23 and the Application, on April 6, 2023 via Email. The full list was not provided in FBC's letter notifying the BCUC in error.

- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (which includes Beaverdell)
- Village of Fruitvale
- City of Grand Forks
- City of Greenwood
- Village of Midway
- Village of Montrose
- City of Rossland
- City of Trail
- Village of Warfield
- Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen
- Village of Keremeos
- Town of Oliver
- Town of Osoyoos
- City of Penticton; and
- Town of Princeton

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

**FORTISBC INC.**

***Original signed:***

Sarah Walsh

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<sup>1</sup> The list of municipalities as identified via [www.civicinfo.bc.ca](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca).