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April 12, 2024

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
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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 for Approval of the Fruitvale Substation Project (Fruitvale Project or the Project) (Application)
British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Order G-97-24 – Notice Confirmation

On February 29, 2024, FBC filed the Application referenced above. On March 28, 2024, the BCUC issued Order G-97-24 establishing a regulatory timetable for review of the Application, directing FBC to provide notice as follows: provide a copy of the Application and order to various parties,¹ make the Application and order available on its website,² and post information regarding the public notice on social media platforms.³ On April 5, 2024, the BCUC issued an amended timetable by Order G-100-24 adjusting the deadline for FBC to provide notice of the Application and order by April 9, 2024.

FBC hereby confirms that the public notice requirements under Directives 2, 3 and 4 were completed, as described below.⁴

The Application and Order G-97-24 are available on FBC's website at the following link: [Fruitvale Substation Project \(fortisbc.com\)](http://www.fortisbc.com).⁵

On April 4, 2024, FBC sent an email to the following parties which advised of the filing of the Application, provided a copy of Order G-97-24, and included a link to the Application and order posted on FBC's website: [Fruitvale Substation Project \(fortisbc.com\)](http://www.fortisbc.com) and a link to the BCUC website proceeding page for the Application: [FortisBC Inc. CPCN for the Fruitvale Substation Project - BCUC](http://www.fortisbc.com).⁶

¹ Directive 2.

² Directive 3.

³ Directive 4.

⁴ Pursuant to Directives 5 and 6.

⁵ Pursuant to Directive 3.

⁶ Pursuant to Directive 2.

- **FBC 2024 Annual Review of Rates Proceeding**

- BC Municipal Electrical Utilities (BCMEU);
- British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre representing the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Active Support Against Poverty, Disability Alliance BC, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, Together Against Poverty Society, and the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre et al. (BCOAPO);
- BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA);
- Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC);
- Industrial Customers Group;
- Movement of United Professionals (MoveUP); and
- Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA).

On April 8, 2024, FBC sent an email to the following parties which advised of the filing of the Application, provided a link to the Application and order posted on FBC's website, a link to the BCUC website www.bcuc.com, and an invitation and direct contact information for a representative from FBC if they had any questions:

- **All Stakeholders identified in the Application**

- ATCO Wood Products Ltd.;
- Municipal Government;
- Provincial Government;
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary; and
- Village of Fruitvale.

Also on April 8, 2024, FBC sent a letter by email and through the Nations Connect portal to the following parties which advised of the filing of the Application, provided a link to the Application and order posted on FBC's website, a link to the BCUC website www.bcuc.com, and an invitation and direct contact information for a representative from FBC if they had any questions:

- **All Indigenous groups identified in the Application**

- Adams Lake;
- Colville Confederated Tribes;
- Ktunaxa Nation Council;
- Lower Similkameen Indian Band;
- Okanagan Indian Band;
- Okanagan Nation Alliance;
- Osoyoos Indian Band;

- Penticton Indian Band;
- Shuswap Indian Band;
- Splatsin; and
- Upper Nicola Indian Band.

In addition, on April 8, 2024, FBC hand delivered a notification letter (example included in Appendix A) to 39 neighbouring property owners which advised of the filing of the Application, provided a link to the Application and order posted on FBC's website, a link to the BCUC website www.bcuc.com, and an invitation and direct contact information for a representative from FBC if they had any questions.

In addition, FBC posted notice of the Application on its social media platforms including Twitter, Facebook and Threads on Friday, April 5, 2024, with weekly reminder posts scheduled to occur on Friday, April 12, Friday, April 19, and Monday, April 22.⁷

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC INC.

Original signed:

Sarah Walsh

⁷ Pursuant to Directive 4.



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April 8, 2024

We are planning work in your neighborhood

FortisBC has filed an Application for approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for the Fruitvale Substation Project. This project will replace aging infrastructure and equipment near end-of-life to improve FortisBC's system reliability.

FortisBC encloses a copy of the BCUC's Public Notice of Application which provides information on the regulatory process and how to participate. To view FortisBC's application please visit FortisBC's website at: <https://www.fortisbc.com/about-us/corporate-information/regulatory-affairs/our-electricity-utility/electric-bcuc-submissions/cpcn/fruitvale-substation-project> or the BCUC's website at www.bcuc.com under Our Work – Proceedings.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me directly at (250)-231-0176 or via email at Blair.weston@fortisbc.com.

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Blair Weston".

Blair Weston
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