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FORTISBC 2021 LTERP AND LT DSM PLAN EXHIBIT A-2

Ms. Diane Roy Vice President, Regulatory Affairs FortisBC Inc. 16705 Fraser Highway Surrey, BC V4N 0E8 electricity.regulatory.affairs@fortisbc.com

Re: FortisBC Inc. – 2021 Long-Term Electric Resource Plan and Long-Term Demand-Side Management Plan – Project No. 1599244 – Regulatory Timetable and Public Notice

Dear Ms. Roy:

Further to your August 4, 2021 filing of the above-noted matter, enclosed please find British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-265-21 establishing a regulatory timetable.

Sincerely,

Patrick Wruck

**Commission Secretary** 

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# ORDER NUMBER G-265-21

IN THE MATTER OF the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

FortisBC Inc.
2021 Long-Term Electric Resource Plan and
2021 Long-Term Demand-Side Management Plan

### **BEFORE:**

A. K. Fung, QC, Panel Chair C. M. Brewer, Commissioner A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on September 9, 2021

## **ORDER**

# **WHEREAS:**

- A. On August 4, 2021, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) filed its 2021 Long-Term Electric Resource Plan (2021 LTERP) including its 2021 Long-Term Demand-Side Management (DSM) Plan (2021 LT DSM Plan) for acceptance by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to section 44.1(6) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) (Application);
- B. The 2021 LTERP presents a long-term plan for meeting the forecast peak and energy requirements of FBC customers with demand-side and supply-side resources at the lowest reasonable cost to customers over the next 20 years. The 2021 LTERP includes a preferred portfolio to meet the long-term requirements of FBC's customers, and also includes an action plan that identifies activities that FBC expects to take during the first four years of the 20-year planning horizon;
- C. The 2021 LT DSM Plan includes an assessment of the energy efficiency and conservation potential for FBC customers. The 2021 LT DSM Plan provides FBC with different levels of demand-side resource options to assess along with supply-side resource options in order to address the forecast load-resource balance gaps identified in the 2021 LTERP over the 20-year planning horizon. The 2021 LT DSM Plan also identifies FBC's preferred DSM scenario for long term planning purposes;
- D. Section 44.1(5) of the UCA provides that the BCUC may establish a process to review a long-term resource plan; and
- E. The BCUC considers that the establishment of a public hearing and a regulatory timetable is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 44.1 of the UCA, the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A public hearing for the review of the Application is established in accordance with the regulatory timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order (Regulatory Timetable).
- 2. FBC is to publish the Public Notice, attached as Appendix B to this order, in print/display-ad format in such local and community newspapers to provide adequate notice to those parties who may have an interest in or be affected by the plans outlined in the Application, as soon as reasonably practical, but no later than Friday, September 24, 2021.
- 3. FBC must provide an electronic copy of the Application and this order to the parties consulted in FBC's Stakeholder and First Nations Engagement outlined in Section 12 of FBC's 2021 LTERP, and to all interveners in FBC's 2016 LTERP and 2016 LTDSM Plan proceeding.
- 4. As soon as practicable, but no later than Friday, September 24, 2021, FBC is directed to publish notice of this Application on its website and social media platforms. It must also publish weekly reminder notices on each platform until the conclusion of the intervener registration on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.
- 5. In accordance with the BCUC's <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>, parties who wish to actively participate in this proceeding must submit the <u>Request to Intervene Form</u>, available on the BCUC's website at <a href="https://www.bcuc.com/get-involved/get-involved-proceeding.html">https://www.bcuc.com/get-involved/get-involved-proceeding.html</a>, by the date established in the Regulatory Timetable.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

**BY ORDER** 

A. K. Fung, QC Commissioner

Attachment

# FortisBC Inc. 2021 Long-Term Electric Resource Plan and 2021 Long-Term Demand-Side Management Plan

# **REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

Action	Date (2021)
FBC to publish Notice of Application	Friday, September 24
Intervener Registration Deadline	Wednesday, October 13
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to FBC	Thursday, October 21
Intervener IRs No. 1 to FBC	Thursday, October 28
FBC responses to BCUC and Intervener IRs No. 1	Thursday, December 9
Intervener Notice of Intent to File Evidence	Thursday, December 16
Further process	To be determined



# We want to hear from you

# FORTISBC INC. 2021 LONG-TERM ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLAN AND 2021 LONG-TERM DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN

On August 4, 2021, FortisBC Inc. filed its 2021 Long-Term Electric Resource Plan (2021 LTERP) and 2021 Long-Term Demand Side Management Plan (LT DSM Plan) for acceptance by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to section 44.1(6) of the *Utilities Commission Act*.

The 2021 LTERP and LT DSM Plan present a 20-year plan for meeting the forecast peak and energy requirements of FBC customers with demand-side and supply-side resources at the lowest reasonable cost to customers over the next 20 years, and also identifies activities that FBC expects to take during the first four years of the plan.

To provide your insights, thoughts and perspectives on the Application, submit a letter of comment, request intervener status or register as an interested party at <a href="http://www.bcuc.com/get-involved">http://www.bcuc.com/get-involved</a>. All submissions will be posted on www.bcuc.com and will be considered by the Panel in its review of the Application.

# **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

- Submit a letter of comment
- Register as an interested party
- Request intervener status

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

1. **Wednesday, October 13, 2021** – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC

For more information about the Application, please visit the <u>Proceeding Webpage</u> on bcuc.com under "Regulatory Activities – Current Proceedings." To learn more about getting involved, please visit our website at <u>www.bcuc.com/get-involved</u> or contact us at the information below.

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