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British Columbia Utilities Commission Suite 410, 900 Howe Street Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Attention: Mr. Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary and Manager, Regulatory Support

Dear Mr. Wruck:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)

Project No. 1598988

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Inland Gas Upgrades Project (the Application)

FEI Submission on Process

FEI writes to provide its submission on further process, pursuant to the regulatory timetable established by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) in Order G-11-19. In its letter (Exhibit A-7), the BCUC requested that parties address the following as part of their submissions on further process:

- 1. Whether a second round of IRs is required;
- 2. Whether parties intend to submit evidence (if so, please describe the nature of that evidence);
- If other processes such as a workshop, streamlined review process and/or oral hearing should be considered by the Panel (if so, given the complexity of the Application, please specify the area(s) in the Application that should be included as part of the proposed process); and
- 4. A proposed timeline for all of the aforementioned processes, including parties' periods of unavailability during the remainder of 2019.

FEI makes the following submissions.

1. Second Round of IRs:

FEI responded to approximately 450 IRs in round one and takes no position on whether any of the parties have a need for a second round of IRs.



2. Filing of Evidence:

FEI takes no position on whether any of the parties have a need to file evidence.

3. Other Processes:

As proposed in the Application, FEI continues to believe that a written hearing process for the remainder of the review of the Application is the most efficient and appropriate process. The evidence in this Application contains a significant amount of technical information, which FEI believes is best suited to be reviewed through a written process.

4. Proposed Timeline:

FEI proposes the following timetable for the remainder of the written review process, based on the presumption that parties will request a second round of IRs. In the Application FEI had noted that commencing construction is planned for early in the second quarter of 2020¹. As a result, FEI requires a BCUC decision on the Application by the end of September 2019. Should any intervener intend to file evidence, FEI will address the potential impacts to the timing of the BCUC's decision and the project schedule in its reply submission on process.

ACTION	DATE (2019)
BCUC and Intervener IR No. 2	Tuesday, April 23
FEI Response to IR No. 2	Tuesday, May 21
FEI Written Final Submission	Friday, May 31
Intervener Written Final Submission	Friday, June 14
FEI Written Reply Submission	Friday, June 28

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

Original signed:

Doug Slater

cc (email only): Registered Parties

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