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March 4, 2020

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. - Revelstoke

2020 First Quarter Gas Cost Report

FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI or the Company) hereby submits to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) the 2020 First Quarter Gas Cost Report for Revelstoke (the First Quarter Report). The attached schedules provide a summary of the forecast monthly Propane Cost Deferral Account balances based on the February 24, 2020 forward prices.

The schedule at Tab 1, Page 1, based on the February 24, 2020 forward prices, using the NYMEX B0 – Mt. Belvieu Propane Swap prices, and based on the current rates, the projected deferral account balance at March 31, 2020 is \$290,133 deficit (after tax), and the forecast balance at March 31, 2021 is \$117,088 deficit (after tax). The rate change trigger ratio is calculated to be 93.5%, which falls outside the 95% to 105% deadband range. The proposed rate increase that would be required to produce a 100% propane cost recovery-to-cost ratio is calculated to be \$0.709/GJ (Tab 1, Page 3, Line 20), which falls outside the \$0.50/GJ minimum rate change threshold. The results of the two-criteria rate adjustment mechanism indicate that a rate change is required effective April 1, 2020.

Provided in Tab 2 are the details of the forecast gas costs for Revelstoke. The Company requests the information contained in Tab 2 be treated as CONFIDENTIAL.

CONFIDENTIALITY

FEI is requesting that this information be filed on a confidential basis pursuant to Section 18 of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure regarding confidential documents adopted by Order G-15-19, and Section 71(5) of the Utilities Commission Act and requests that the BCUC exercise its discretion under Section 6.0 of the Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts and allow these documents to remain confidential. FEI believes this will ensure

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that market sensitive information is protected, and FEI's ability to obtain favourable commercial terms for future natural gas contracting is not impaired.

In this regard, FEI further believes that the Core Market could be disadvantaged and may well shoulder incremental costs if utility gas supply procurement strategies as well as contracts are treated in a different manner than those of other gas purchasers, and believes that since it continues to operate within a competitive environment, there is no necessity for public disclosure and risk prejudice or influence in the negotiations or renegotiation of subsequent contracts.

SUMMARY

In summary, the Company requests BCUC approval for an increase in the propane reference price (based on the NYMEX B0 – Mt. Belvieu Propane Swap prices) for use in the Revelstoke Propane Cost Deferral Account from \$0.2500/litre to \$0.2674/litre which corresponds to a rate increase of \$0.709/GJ, effective April 1, 2020.

The bill impact tables at Tab 1, Page 5 have been prepared showing the proposed Revelstoke propane rate as requested within the First Quarter Report, to be effective April 1, 2020. As a result, the annual bill for a typical Revelstoke residential customer with an average annual consumption of 50 GJ per year will increase by approximately \$35 or 3.8%.

The Company will continue to monitor the forward prices and will report these results in the 2020 Second Quarter Gas Cost Report.

We trust the BCUC will find the attached to be in order. However, should any further information be required, please contact Gurvinder Sidhu 604-592-7675.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

Original signed:

Doug Slater

Attachments

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE PROPANE COST DEFERRAL ACCOUNT

WITH EXISTING PROPANE REFERENCE PRICE

((FEBRUARY 24.	2020	FORWARI	PRICES	BASED	ON NYMEX N	IT. BELVIEL	J PROPANE S	WAP PRICES)

Line No.	Particulars	Sales Volumes In Litre	Average Price Per Litre	Approved Reference Price	Amount Deferred Per Litre	Amount Deferred	Pre-tax Deferral Balance	After-tax Deferral Balance
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)=(3)-(4)	(6)=(2)*(5)	(7)	(8)
1	October 2019 (Recorded)	691,170	\$0.2152	\$0.2078	\$0.0074	\$5,138	\$177,804	\$129,797
2	November (Recorded)	1,220,906	\$0.2790	\$0.2078	\$0.0712	\$86,945	\$264,748	\$193,266
3	December (Recorded)	1,715,893	\$0.2912	\$0.2078	\$0.0834	\$143,025	\$407,773	\$297,674
4	January (Recorded)	1,559,987	\$0.2729	\$0.2500	\$0.0229	\$35,800	\$443,573	\$323,808
5	February (Projected)	1,249,512	\$0.2347	\$0.2500	(\$0.0153)	(\$19,100)	\$424,473	\$309,865
6	March (Projected)	1,089,318	\$0.2252	\$0.2500	(\$0.0248)	(\$27,030)	\$397,443	\$290,133
7	Total October, 2019 to March, 2020	7,526,785				\$224,777		
8								
9	Forecast Volumes and Forecast Prices							
10	April, 2020 (Forecast)	693,444	\$0.1844	\$0.2500	(\$0.0656)	(\$45,490)	\$351,953	\$256,925
11	May (Forecast)	386,458	\$0.1778	\$0.2500	(\$0.0722)	(\$27,902)	\$324,051	\$236,557
12	June (Forecast)	321,833	\$0.1760	\$0.2500	(\$0.0740)	(\$23,816)	\$300,235	\$219,171
13	July (Forecast)	300,266	\$0.1809	\$0.2500	(\$0.0691)	(\$20,748)	\$279,487	\$204,025
14	August (Forecast)	290,107	\$0.1857	\$0.2500	(\$0.0643)	(\$18,654)	\$260,833	\$190,408
15	September (Forecast)	358,092	\$0.1941	\$0.2500	(\$0.0559)	(\$20,017)	\$240,816	\$175,795
16	October (Forecast)	640,150	\$0.2060	\$0.2500	(\$0.0440)	(\$28,167)	\$212,649	\$155,234
17	November (Forecast)	1,003,087	\$0.2184	\$0.2500	(\$0.0316)	(\$31,698)	\$180,951	\$132,094
18	December (Forecast)	1,401,969	\$0.2386	\$0.2500	(\$0.0114)	(\$15,982)	\$164,969	\$120,427
19	January, 2021 (Forecast)	1,457,529	\$0.2470	\$0.2500	(\$0.0030)	(\$4,373)	\$160,596	\$117,235
20	February (Forecast)	1,267,133	\$0.2589	\$0.2500	\$0.0089	\$11,277	\$171,873	\$125,467
21	March (Forecast)	1,103,618	\$0.2396	\$0.2500	(\$0.0104)	(\$11,478)	\$160,395	\$117,088
22	Total April, 2020 to March, 2021	9,223,685				(\$237,048)		
23 24								
2 4 25	Forecast Recovered Costs [(Line 2	2 Col. 2) x (Line 21 Col. 4)]			\$2,305,921 _			
26	March 31, 2020 Deferral Balance (Line 6 Col. 7) + F		13 Col. 9)	- =	\$2,466,243	93.5%		
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29	April, 2021 (Forecast)	703,055	\$0.2022	\$0.2500	(\$0.0478)	(\$33,606)	\$126,789	\$92,556
30	May (Forecast)	391,850	\$0.1764	\$0.2500	(\$0.0736)	(\$28,840)	\$97,949	\$71,503
31	June (Forecast)	326,326	\$0.1768	\$0.2500	(\$0.0732)	(\$23,887)	\$74,062	\$54,065
32	July (Forecast)	304,485	\$0.1786	\$0.2500	(\$0.0714)	(\$21,740)	\$52,322	\$38,195
33	August (Forecast)	293,936	\$0.1832	\$0.2500	(\$0.0668)	(\$19,635)	\$32,687	\$23,861
34	September (Forecast)	363,132	\$0.1884	\$0.2500	(\$0.0616)	(\$22,369)	\$10,318	\$7,532
35	October (Forecast)	649,137	\$0.2015	\$0.2500	(\$0.0485)	(\$31,483)	(\$21,165)	(\$15,451)
36	November (Forecast)	1,016,293	\$0.2142	\$0.2500	(\$0.0358)	(\$36,383)	(\$57,548)	(\$42,010)
37	December (Forecast)	1,420,880	\$0.2269	\$0.2500	(\$0.0231)	(\$32,822)	(\$90,370)	(\$65,970)
38	January, 2022 (Forecast)	1,468,196	\$0.2528	\$0.2500	\$0.0028	\$4,111	(\$86,259)	(\$62,969)
39	February (Forecast)	1,276,627	\$0.2651	\$0.2500	\$0.0151	\$19,277	(\$66,982)	(\$48,897)
40	March (Forecast)	1,111,979	\$0.2457	\$0.2500	(\$0.0043)	(\$4,782)	(\$71,764)	(\$52,388)
41	Total April, 2021 to March, 2022	9,325,897	Ψ0. <u>Σ</u> 101	40.2000	(\$0.00.10)	(\$232,159)	(4.1,101)	(432,000)

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE PROPANE COST DEFERRAL ACCOUNT FORECAST AVERAGE COST OF PROPANE

(FEBRUARY 24, 2020 FORWARD PRICES BASED ON NYMEX MT. BELVIEU PROPANE SWAP PRICES)

Line No.	Particulars	Sales Volume (Litres)	Volume Volume (e) Volume		Р	Fixed Variable Price (a) Price (a) (\$/litre) (\$/litre)			Fixed Charges ^(e) (\$)			Variable Charges (\$)		Total (\$)
140.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)
1	April, 2020 (Forecast)	693,444	_	693,444	\$	_	\$	0.1844	\$	_	\$	127,865	\$	127,865
	May (Forecast)	386,458	_	386,458	\$	_	\$	0.1778	\$	_	\$	68,704		68,704
3	June (Forecast)	321,833	_	321,833	\$	_	\$	0.1760	\$	_	\$	56,647		56,647
4	July (Forecast)	300,266	_	300,266	\$		\$	0.1809	\$	_	\$	54,307		54,307
5	August (Forecast)	290,107	_	290,107	\$		\$	0.1857	\$	_	\$	53,877		53,877
6	September (Forecast)	358,092	_	358,092	\$	_	\$	0.1941	\$	_	\$	69,510		69,510
7	October (Forecast)	640,150	_	640,150	\$	_	\$	0.2060	\$	_	\$	131,881	\$	131,881
8	November (Forecast)	1,003,087	_	1,003,087	\$	_	\$	0.2184	\$	_	\$	219,034		219,034
9	December (Forecast)	1,401,969	_	1,401,969	\$	_	\$	0.2386	\$	_	\$	334,529	\$	334,529
10	January, 2021 (Forecast)	1,457,529		1,457,529	\$	_	\$	0.2470	\$		\$	359,994		359,994
11	February (Forecast)	1,267,133	_	1,267,133	\$	_	\$	0.2589	\$	-	\$	328,050	\$	328,050
12		1,103,618		1,103,618	\$		\$	0.2396	\$	_	\$	264,404	\$	264,404
13	Total April, 2020 to March, 2021	9,223,685		9,223,685	Ψ	_	Ψ	0.2390	\$		\$	2,068,801	\$ \$	2,068,801
14	Total April, 2020 to March, 2021	3,223,003		3,223,003					Ψ		Ψ	2,000,001	Ψ	2,000,001
15	Forecast Average Cost of Propane (\$/	Litre) ^{(b), (c)}												
16	· crocact/ttorage coet of tropano (4)	Litres										\$	0.22429	
17	Forecast Average Cost of Propane (\$/	GJ) ^{(b), (d)}											_	
18	(Conversion factor 1 Litre = 0.025594 GJ)	236,071	GJ										\$	8.763
19														
20	April, 2021 (Forecast)	703,055	-	703,055	\$	-	\$	0.2022	\$	-	\$	142,140	\$	142,140
21	May (Forecast)	391,850	-	391,850	\$	-	\$	0.1764	\$	-	\$	69,110		69,110
22	June (Forecast)	326,326	-	326,326	\$	-	\$	0.1768	\$	-	\$	57,702		57,702
23	July (Forecast)	304,485	-	304,485	\$	-	\$	0.1786	\$	-	\$	54,372	\$	54,372
24	August (Forecast)	293,936	-	293,936	\$	-	\$	0.1832	\$	-	\$	53,835	\$	53,835
25	September (Forecast)	363,132	-	363,132	\$	-	\$	0.1884	\$	-	\$	68,407	\$	68,407
26	,	649,137	-	649,137	\$	-	\$	0.2015	\$	-	\$	130,807	\$	130,807
27	November (Forecast)	1,016,293	-	1,016,293	\$	-	\$	0.2142	\$	-	\$	217,675	\$	217,675
28	December (Forecast)	1,420,880	-	1,420,880	\$	-	\$	0.2269	\$	-	\$,	\$	322,342
29	January, 2022 (Forecast)	1,468,196	-	1,468,196	\$	-	\$	0.2528	\$	-	\$,	\$	371,158
30	,	1,276,627	-	1,276,627	\$	-	\$	0.2651	\$	-	\$ \$	338,376	\$	338,376
31	March (Forecast)	1,111,979		1,111,979	\$	-	\$	0.2457	\$		<u> </u>	273,203	\$	273,203
32	Total April, 2021 to March, 2022	9,325,897		9,325,897					\$		\$	2,099,126	\$	2,099,126

Notes:

- (a) Includes transportation costs.
- (b) Forecast Average Cost of Propane excludes company use, vaporizer use, and unaccounted for gas.
- (c) Forecast Average Cost of Propane (\$/Litre) = Total Cost (Column 9 Line 13) / Sales Volume in Litres (Column 2 Line 13).
- (d) Forecast Average Cost of Propane (\$/GJ) = Total Cost (Column 9 Line 13) / Sales Volume in GJ (Column 2 Line 18).
- (e) Revelstoke's 2020-21 price risk management strategy to be submitted and approved via the Revelstoke 2020-21 Annual Contracting Plan process.

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE

PROPANE COST DEFERRAL ACCOUNT CALCULATION OF PROPANE COST INCREASE FLOWTHROUGH

(FEBRUARY 24, 2020 FORWARD PRICES BASED ON NYMEX MT. BELVIEU PROPANE SWAP PRICES)

Line			
No.	Particulars	\$/Litre	\$/GJ
	(1)	(2)	(3) = (2) divided by 0.025594
1	Calculation of New Propane Reference Price		
2			Convert from Litre to GJ
3	i. Forecast Average Cost of Propane (Tab 1, Page 2, Col. 9, Line 16 and Line 18)		(for information only)
4	April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021	\$0.22429	\$8.7634
5			
6	ii. Twelve Month Amortization of \$397,443 (Deferral Balance, Tab 1, Page 1, Col. 7, Line 6)		
7	Projected Deferral Account Balance 9,223,685 (Volume in Litres, Tab 1, Page 1, Col. 2, Line 22)	0.04309	\$1.6836
8	(a)		
9	Proposed Reference Price	\$0.2674	\$10.4478
10			
11	(a)		
12	Existing Propane Reference Price	0.2500	\$9.7679
13			
14			
15			
16	Increase in Propane Reference Price to be Flowed Through in Customers' Rates	\$0.0174	\$0.6798
17	(b)		
18	Add: Company Use/Vaporizer Use/Unaccounted For Gas Adjustment of 4.33%		0.0294
19			
20	Total Propane Cost Flowthrough ^(c)		\$0.709

Notes:

Conversion factor 1 Litre = 0.025594 GJ

(a) Propane Reference Price per litre is set at 4 decimals. Individual calculation components are shown to 5 decimals, then rounded to 4 decimals.

(b) The Company Use / Vaporizer Use / Unaccounted For Gas Adjustment of 4.33% is based on the 3-year average of 2017, 2018, and 2019 data.

	Litres	Percentage of Sales
Sales	9,342,408	
Company Use	3,510	0.04%
Propane Used for Vaporizer	114,869	1.23%
Unaccounted For	285,750	3.06%
Total Fuel / UAF Requirement	404,129	4.33%
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(c) Propane cost flowthrough components, converted from litre to GJ, are shown to 4 decimals, then rounded to 3 decimals. Breakdown of Rate Change:

Projected Deferral Balance at Mar 31, 2020 \$1.6836
Propane Cost Under (Over) Recovery (including amount at Line 18) for Apr 1, 2020 to Mar 31, 2021 period (0.9746)
Total Propane Cost Flow Through \$0.709

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FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE PROPANE COST DEFERRAL ACCOUNT

WITH PROPOSED REFERENCE PRICE APRIL 1, 2020

(FEBRUARY 24, 2020 FORWARD PRICES BASED ON NYMEX MT. BELVIEU PROPANE SWAP PRICES)

			Average	Proposed	Amount		Pre-tax	After-tax
Line	Dantiaulana	Volumes	Price	Reference	Deferred	Amount	Deferral	Deferral
No.	Particulars	In Litre	Per Litre	Price	Per Litre	Deferred (6)=(2)*(5)	Balance	Balance
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)=(3)-(4)	(6)=(2)*(5)	(7)	(8)
1	Forecast Volumes and Forecast Prices							
2	April, 2020 (Forecast)	693,444	\$0.1844	\$0.2674	(\$0.0830)	(\$57,556)	\$339,887	\$248,117
3	May (Forecast)	386,458	\$0.1778	\$0.2674	(\$0.0896)	(\$34,627)	\$305,260	\$222,840
4	June (Forecast)	321,833	\$0.1760	\$0.2674	(\$0.0914)	(\$29,416)	\$275,844	\$201,366
5	July (Forecast)	300,266	\$0.1809	\$0.2674	(\$0.0865)	(\$25,973)	\$249,871	\$182,406
6	August (Forecast)	290,107	\$0.1857	\$0.2674	(\$0.0817)	(\$23,702)	\$226,169	\$165,103
7	September (Forecast)	358,092	\$0.1941	\$0.2674	(\$0.0733)	(\$26,248)	\$199,921	\$145,942
8	October (Forecast)	640,150	\$0.2060	\$0.2674	(\$0.0614)	(\$39,305)	\$160,616	\$117,249
9	November (Forecast)	1,003,087	\$0.2184	\$0.2674	(\$0.0490)	(\$49,151)	\$111,465	\$81,369
10	December (Forecast)	1,401,969	\$0.2386	\$0.2674	(\$0.0288)	(\$40,377)	\$71,088	\$51,894
11	January, 2021 (Forecast)	1,457,529	\$0.2470	\$0.2674	(\$0.0204)	(\$29,734)	\$41,354	\$30,188
12	February (Forecast)	1,267,133	\$0.2589	\$0.2674	(\$0.0085)	(\$10,771)	\$30,583	\$22,325
13	March (Forecast)	1,103,618	\$0.2396	\$0.2674	(\$0.0278)	(\$30,681)	(\$98)	(\$72)
14	Total April, 2020 to March, 2021	9,223,685				(\$397,541)		
15								
16								
17	April, 2021 (Forecast)	703,055	\$0.2022	\$0.2674	(\$0.0652)	(\$45,839)	(\$45,937)	(\$33,534)
18	May (Forecast)	391,850	\$0.1764	\$0.2674	(\$0.0910)	(\$35,658)	(\$81,595)	(\$59,565)
19	June (Forecast)	326,326	\$0.1768	\$0.2674	(\$0.0906)	(\$29,565)	(\$111,160)	(\$81,147)
20	July (Forecast)	304,485	\$0.1786	\$0.2674	(\$0.0888)	(\$27,038)	(\$138,198)	(\$100,885)
21	August (Forecast)	293,936	\$0.1832	\$0.2674	(\$0.0842)	(\$24,749)	(\$162,947)	(\$118,952)
22	September (Forecast)	363,132	\$0.1884	\$0.2674	(\$0.0790)	(\$28,687)	(\$191,634)	(\$139,893)
23	October (Forecast)	649,137	\$0.2015	\$0.2674	(\$0.0659)	(\$42,778)	(\$234,412)	(\$171,121)
24	November (Forecast)	1,016,293	\$0.2142	\$0.2674	(\$0.0532)	(\$54,067)	(\$288,479)	(\$210,590)
25	December (Forecast)	1,420,880	\$0.2269	\$0.2674	(\$0.0405)	(\$57,546)	(\$346,025)	(\$252,598)
26	January, 2022 (Forecast)	1,468,196	\$0.2528	\$0.2674	(\$0.0146)	(\$21,436)	(\$367,461)	(\$268,247)
27	February (Forecast)	1,276,627	\$0.2651	\$0.2674	(\$0.0023)	(\$2,936)	(\$370,397)	(\$270,390)
28	March (Forecast)	1,111,979	\$0.2457	\$0.2674	(\$0.0217)	(\$24,130)	(\$394,527)	(\$288,005)
29	Total April, 2021 to March, 2022	9,325,897		•	· · · /	(\$394,429)	(. ,- ,- ,	(. , , /
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FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE APRIL 1, 2020 PROPOSED PROPANE COST INCREASE TYPICAL ANNUAL CONSUMPTION

(FEBRUARY 24, 2020 FORWARD PRICES BASED ON NYMEX MT. BELVIEU PROPANE SWAP PRICES)

			te 1 - Residen	tial		Rate 2 - Small Commercial					Rate 3 - Large Commercial					
		Unit				Unit					Unit					
1 :		Use per		Revenue	D	%	Use per		Revenue	D	%	Use per		Revenue	D	%
Line No.	Particulars	Customer (GJ)		(\$/GJ) or (\$/day)	Revenue (\$)	% Increase	Customer (GJ)		(\$/GJ) or (\$/day)	Revenue (\$)	% Increase	Customer (GJ)		(\$/GJ) or (\$/day)	Revenue (\$)	% Increase
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1	REVELSTOKE PROPANE															
2	- MAINLAND SERVICE AREA															
3																
4	Existing:															
5	Delivery Margin Deleted Charges															
7	Delivery Margin Related Charges Basic Charge per Day	365.25	days	\$0.4085	\$149.20		365.25	days	\$0.9485	\$346.44		365.25	days	\$4.7895	\$1,749.36	
8	Delivery Margin Related Charge (incl. riders)	50.0	GJ	\$4.596	\$229.80		300.0	GJ	\$3.569	\$1,070.70		8.140.0	GJ	\$3.143	\$25,584.02	
9	Bolivory Margin Holatod Charge (Inol. Hacro)	00.0	00	Ψ1.000	Ψ220.00		000.0	00	ψ0.000	Ψ1,010.10		0,110.0	00	ψο. 1 10	Ψ20,001.02	
10	Cost of Gas (Commodity Related Charges)															
11	Cost of Gas Recovery Related Charges	50.0	GJ	\$11.180	\$559.00		300.0	GJ	\$10.089	\$3,026.70		8,140.0	GJ	\$10.089	\$82,124.46	
12																
13	Typical Annual Bill at Current Rates (excluding		٠.		****			٠.		*****			٠.		*****	
14	any applicable taxes)	50.0	GJ		\$938.00		300.0	GJ		\$4,443.84		8,140.0	GJ		\$109,457.84	
15_																
16 17	Proposed Changes April 1, 2020:															
18	rroposed changes April 1, 2020.															
19	Delivery Margin Related Charge				\$0.00	0.0%				\$0.00	0.0%				\$0.00	0.0%
20	Cost of Gas Recovery Related Charge			\$0.709	\$35.45	3.8%			\$0.709	\$212.70	4.8%			\$0.709	\$5,771.26	5.3%
21	Total Charges			\$0.709	\$35.45	3.8%			\$0.709	\$212.70	4.8%			\$0.709	\$5,771.26	5.3%
22																
23	Typical Annual Bill at Proposed Rates (excluding				****					*	4.00				****	
24	any applicable taxes)				\$973.45	3.8%				\$4,656.54	4.8%				\$115,229.10	5.3%



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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

Application regarding its 2020 First Quarter Gas Cost Report

And Rate Changes effective April 1, 2020

For Revelstoke

BEFORE:

[Panel Chair] Commissioner Commissioner

on Date

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 4, 2020, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed its 2020 First Quarter Gas Cost Report for Revelstoke (the Report) and applied for approval of an increase in the propane reference price, effective April 1, 2020;
- B. The British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established guidelines for gas cost rate setting in Letter L-5-01 dated February 5, 2001 and further modified the guidelines in Letter L-40-11 dated May 19, 2011 (together the Guidelines);
- C. By Order G-308-19 dated November 28, 2019, the BCUC approved the current propane rates for Revelstoke and surrounding areas (Revelstoke) effective January 1, 2020;
- D. Using a propane price forecast based on February 24, 2020 NMYEX B0 Mt. Belvieu propane swap prices, and based on the existing rates, the projected after tax deferral balance at March 31, 2020 of \$290,133 deficit is forecast to change to a \$117,088 deficit at March 31, 2021. The revenue to cost ratio is calculated to be 93.5 percent that falls outside the deadband range of 95 percent to 105 percent. The proposed rate increase is calculated to be \$0.709/GJ, which falls outside the minimum \$0.50/GJ threshold established in the Guidelines;
- E. In the Report, FEI indicates that current propane cost recovery rates will under recover costs and proposes a propane rate increase of \$0.709/GJ, effective April 1, 2020;
- F. The effects of the proposed Gas Cost Recovery Charge requested within the Report would be equivalent to a increase of approximately \$35 or 3.8 percent, based on an annual consumption of 50 GJ;

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- G. FEI requests that the forecast gas cost information for Revelstoke in Tab 2 of the Report be held confidential on the basis that it contains market sensitive information; and
- H. The BCUC reviewed the Report and considers that the requested changes to the propane reference price and propane rate for Revelstoke are warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 61(4) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

- 1. An increase of \$0.709 per gigajoule in customer rates is approved, effective April 1, 2020, based on a propane reference price increase of \$0.0174 per litre, from the existing propane reference price of \$0.2500 per litre to \$0.2674 per litre.
- 2. FEI is directed to notify all customers that are affected by the rate change by way of a bill insert or bill message to be included with the next monthly gas billing.
- 3. The information in Tab 2 of the Report will be held confidential as requested by FEI as it contains market sensitive information.
- 4. FEI is directed to file revised tariff pages with the BCUC within 15 days of this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this (XX) day of (Month) 2020.

BY ORDER

(X. X. last name) Commissioner