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British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
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Attention: Mr. Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary and Manager, Regulatory Support

Dear Mr. Wruck:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)

Revelstoke and the Fort Nelson Service Area – 2020 First Quarter Gas Cost Report, effective April 1, 2020

Application to Rescind British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Orders G-47-20 and G-48-20

On March 12, 2020, the BCUC issued Order G-47-20 regarding FEI's 2020 First Quarter Gas Cost Report and Rate Changes effective April 1, 2020 for Revelstoke, approving an increase of \$0.709 per gigajoule in customer rates.

Also on March 12, 2020, the BCUC issued Order G-48-20 regarding FEI's 2020 First Quarter Gas Cost Report and Rate Changes effective April 1, 2020 for the Fort Nelson Service Area, approving an increase of \$0.815/GJ, from \$1.048/GJ to \$1.863/GJ, in the Commodity Cost Recovery Charge applicable to the Sales Rate Classes.

In response to the current global COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Emergency declared in British Columbia, and the rapidly growing impact on British Columbians, FEI believes it would be in customers' best interests to defer any gas cost rate increases at this time. FEI proposes that Revelstoke and Fort Nelson gas costs remain at existing rates, effective April 1, 2020, given that the existing gas cost deferral mechanisms will capture any differences for review at the next quarterly gas cost report filing in June.

Therefore, FEI hereby respectfully submits this application to rescind BCUC Orders G-47-20 and G-48-20, which will maintain existing gas costs in place effective April 1, 2020, for Revelstoke and the Fort Nelson Service Area. A draft form or Order is attached.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

Original signed:

Doug Slater

Attachment



ORDER NUMBER

G-xx-xx

IN THE MATTER OF

the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

Application to Rescind Orders G-47-20 for Revelstoke and G-48-20 for the Fort Nelson Service Area regarding its 2020 First Quarter Gas Cost Reports and Rate Changes effective April 1, 2020

BEFORE:

[Panel Chair]
Commissioner
Commissioner

on **Date**

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 25, 2020, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) requesting the BCUC Rescind Order G-47-20 for Revelstoke and Order G-48-20 for the Fort Nelson Service Area (Application) in order to defer any gas cost rate increases at this time as a result of the current global COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Emergency declared in British Columbia, and the rapidly growing impact on British Columbians;
- B. The BCUC issued Order G-47-20 dated March 12, 2020, approving an increase of \$0.709 per gigajoule in customer rates, as applied for by FEI on March 4, 2020 in its 2020 First Quarter Gas Cost Report and Rate Changes Application for Revelstoke, effective April 1, 2020;
- C. The BCUC also issued Order G-48-20 dated March 12, 2020, approving an increase of \$0.815/GJ, from \$1.048/GJ to \$1.863/GJ, in the Commodity Cost Recovery Charge applicable to the Sales Rate Classes, as applied for by FEI on March 4, 2020 in its 2020 First Quarter Gas Cost Report and Rate Changes for the Fort Nelson Service Area, effective April 1, 2020;
- D. In the Application, FEI proposes that gas cost rates for Revelstoke and the Fort Nelson Service Area remain at existing rates, effective April 1, 2020, and be reviewed in normal course at the next quarterly gas cost report filing in June.
- E. The BCUC reviewed the Application and considers that approval is warranted.

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

1. BCUC hereby rescinds Orders G-47-20 and G-48-20.
2. FEI will maintain the gas cost rates for Revelstoke and the Fort Nelson Service Area at existing rates, effective April 1, 2020.
3. 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