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British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC
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Attention: Ms. Marija Tresoglavic, Acting Commission Secretary

Dear Ms. Tresoglavic:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)

Application for Approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Pattullo Gas Line Replacement (PGR) Project (Application)
Evidentiary Update Status

On August 31, 2020, FEI filed the above referenced Application. On September 11, 2020, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) issued Order G-232-20 establishing the regulatory timetable for review of the Application. As noted in the Application and in accordance with the regulatory timetable, FEI is to file its evidentiary update to complete the Application or to update the BCUC on status by September 30, 2020.

Since filing the Application on August 31, 2020, FEI has continued its assessment of the feasibility of the Sperling Route corridor, which was identified in late July 2020. FEI's work to date has included continued consultation with the City of Burnaby (the City), other stakeholders and Indigenous groups, as well as engineering, environmental and archaeological studies. On September 8, 2020, FEI provided the City with a memo outlining the Sperling Route corridor which included three possible route options, and sought feedback from the City on acceptance of a preferred route option and an associated underground pressure regulating station location. FEI continued its discussions with the City regarding the Sperling Route corridor, and on September 18, 2020, following a route walk with the City staff and mayor, the City expressed interest in a fourth possible route option along the Sperling Route corridor.

FEI attaches, as Appendix A, a letter from the City indicating that at the Closed Council Meeting on September 28, 2020, "Council unanimously supported the Sperling Option 4 Route in principle".

At the same time, FEI has continued to progress the engineering designs for the Gaglardi Route in the event that a route in the Sperling Route corridor is determined to be not feasible or not FEI's preferred route.

FEI will be completing its assessment of the feasibility of the Sperling Route corridor, including further consultation and other work needed to complete its Application in the coming weeks. As mentioned in the Application¹, FEI anticipated filing an evidentiary update on November 30, 2020. However, to allow additional time to validate the Sperling Route corridor, FEI now expects to file the evidentiary update to complete the Application no later than December 15, 2020.

FEI proposes that the regulatory timetable established in Order G-232-20 proceed with the dates as scheduled, up to and including FEI's responses to BCUC and Intervener information request (IR) No. 1 on November 19, 2020, to explore the evidence FEI has filed to date, primarily as it relates to the need for the Project and the evaluation of alternatives considered. FEI then proposes the regulatory timetable be amended to include an additional round of IRs before submissions on process, as follows:

Action	Date (2020)
FEI to file Evidentiary Update	Tuesday, December 15
BCUC and Intervener IR No. 2	Monday, January 18
FEI responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 2	Monday, February 8
FEI and registered interveners to provide written submission on further process	Thursday, February 18
Further process	To be determined

¹ Section 1.1, page 2 of the Application

FEI has reviewed the Project schedule for the Sperling Route corridor based on the information collected to date. At this time, FEI anticipates that it can complete all construction activities by the fourth quarter of 2022 as well as the removal of the existing gas line from the Pattullo Bridge by the third quarter of 2023 as discussed in the Application. FEI will need to initiate the detailed design and procurement (primarily materials that have a long lead-time for delivery) for the Project in the first quarter of 2021 concurrently with the regulatory timetable to achieve these timelines.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

Original signed:

Diane Roy

Attachment

Appendix A

LETTER FROM CITY OF BURNABY



City of
Burnaby

Engineering Department

2020 September 29

FILE: 39000-04

Vanessa Connolly, Senior Manager, External Relations
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Dear Vanessa:

SUBJECT: COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON PATTULLO BRIDGE PROJECT

At the Closed Council Meeting on Monday, 2020 September 28, Council unanimously supported the Sperling Option 4 Route in principle.

Should you require further information please call me at 604 570-3776.

Yours truly,

Leon A. Gous, P.Eng., MBA
Director Engineering

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