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

Dear Ms. Tresoglavic:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Pattullo Gas Line Replacement Project (the Application)

Response to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Panel Information Request (IR) No. 1

On August 31, 2020, FEI filed the Application referenced above. On October 8, 2020, the BCUC issued Panel IR No. 1. FEI respectfully submits the attached response to BCUC Panel IR No. 1.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

Original signed:

Diane Roy

Attachments

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2 **Response:**

3 FEI has not yet commenced broad public consultation on the Sperling Route, but FEI has begun
4 early consultation with the City and permitting agencies, and early engagement with Indigenous
5 groups. FEI plans to commence consultation with local stakeholder groups and businesses in
6 October 2020 and the broader public, including local MLAs and residents, starting in November
7 2020 (please also refer to the response to BCUC Panel IR1 1.3 for a schedule of activities).

8 A summary of consultation and engagement activities to date with the City, permitting agencies,
9 and Indigenous groups is listed below.

10 ***City of Burnaby:***

11 FEI has consulted with the City on the Sperling Route since July 31, 2020, when the City
12 requested that FEI investigate the route. Consultation activities with the City on the Sperling
13 Route have included the following:

- 14 • Weekly phone calls between FEI and City staff;
- 15 • September 8: A memo was provided by FEI to City staff outlining three route options for
16 the Sperling Route corridor;
- 17 • September 14: The September 8 memo was discussed between City staff, the Mayor
18 and Councillors in a closed council meeting;
- 19 • September 18: A site visit was conducted with City staff, the Mayor and FEI, where the
20 City provided input on the routing options. The City indicated their preference for a
21 fourth route (referred to as, “Sperling Route Option 4”);
- 22 • September 22: A closed council workshop was conducted where FEI presented four
23 Sperling Route options (including the 3 route options in the September 8 memo plus the
24 fourth route option preferred by the Mayor as a result of the September 18 site visit).
25 Mayor and Council unanimously indicated a preference for Sperling Route Option 4; and
- 26 • September 29: The City provided FEI with a letter of support for Sperling Route Option
27 4.¹

28 ***Permitting Agencies:***

29 FEI began early consultation with permitting agencies on the Sperling Route options in
30 September 2020, and to date FEI has consulted on variations of the Sperling Route with
31 TELUS, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp, BC Hydro, TransLink and the Coast Mountain Bus
32 Company, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Metro Vancouver and the Metro
33 Vancouver Regional Parks District.

¹ At the Closed Council Meeting on Monday, 2020 September 28, Council unanimously supported the Sperling Option 4 Route in Principle.

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1 **Indigenous Groups:**

2 FEI began early engagement with Indigenous groups on the Sperling Route in August 2020.

3 Engagement activities have included:

- 4 • August 26 - September 16: Virtual meetings with Indigenous groups (People of the
5 Rivers Referral Office, Musqueam Indian Band, Kwikwetlem First Nation, and Kwantlen
6 First Nation) for FEI to provide an overview of the Sperling Route Options 1-3;
- 7 • September 10: Letters to all Indigenous groups introducing the three Sperling Route
8 options; and
- 9 • October 9: Letters to all Indigenous groups introducing Sperling Route Option 4, and
10 upcoming associated geotechnical investigation program to be executed if the Sperling
11 Route is feasible, and consequently becomes FEI's preferred route.

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13 To date, FEI's early consultation and engagement has not revealed any significant impediments
14 to the Sperling Route options. As such, FEI intends to begin consultation with local stakeholder
15 groups, businesses, local MLAs, and residents on the Sperling Route options.

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19 1.3 Please provide the timeline and key milestones of FEI's planned consultation and
20 engagement schedule on the Sperling route.

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22 **Response:**

23 As described in the response to BCUC Panel IR1 1.1, FEI is currently conducting early
24 consultation with the City and permitting agencies, and early engagement with Indigenous
25 groups to better understand the feasibility of the Sperling Route. FEI plans to commence
26 consultation with local stakeholder groups, businesses, local MLAs, and residents, as outlined in
27 the table below.

Subject	Process	Timeline and Milestones
Indigenous Groups	Continue to engage virtually with Indigenous groups to understand interests, impacts and address any questions or concerns	Ongoing
City of Burnaby	Continue to hold weekly meetings with City of Burnaby staff to progress a project agreement	Ongoing

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Subject	Process	Timeline and Milestones
Permitting Agencies	Continue to meet with relevant permitting agencies, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TELUS, • Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp, • BC Hydro, • TransLink and the Coast Mountain Bus Company, • Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, • Metro Vancouver Regional Parks District, and • Metro Vancouver 	Ongoing
Local Stakeholder Groups and Businesses	Introduce the Sperling Route to local stakeholder groups and businesses, including, but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Rescue Association of BC, • Burnaby Board of Trade, • Simon Fraser University staff, • BC Trucking Association, • Burnaby Bike Hub, and • Recreational facilities along Sperling Avenue 	Mid-October
Public Consultation (including local MLAs and Residents)	Publicly announce the Sperling Route. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Info bulletin uploaded to Fortisbc.com and Talking Energy websites, • Info bulletin shared with key local media (e.g. Burnaby Now), elected officials, and community stakeholder groups, • Meetings with local MLAs to introduce the Sperling Route, • Direct mail notifications and invitations to virtual public information sessions sent to residents and business along the route, • Notification sent to project subscribers and social media on FEI channels, • Print and digital ads to support virtual information sessions, and • Content on internal FEI website updating employees 	Mid-November

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Subject	Process	Timeline and Milestones
Post-Announcement Public Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue consultation with local stakeholders • Host two virtual information sessions to provide community members with an opportunity to learn more, ask questions and express any concerns • Reach out to stakeholders who were previously consulted on the Gaglardi Route to inform them of the Sperling Route • Respond to direct inquiries and feedback received via the project website, email and phone calls 	Mid/late-November (following public announcement) to Application filing (mid-December)

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1.3.1 When does FEI expect to complete public consultation and engagement on the Sperling route?

Response:

As described in the response to the BCUC Panel IR1 1.3, FEI anticipates beginning public consultation on the Sperling Route with local stakeholder groups, and businesses in mid-October 2020, and the broader public, including local MLAs and residents in November. FEI believes that all consultation and engagement activities to the time of filing its December 2020 evidentiary update will be sufficient, appropriate and reasonable to meet the requirements of the CPCN Guidelines.

Public consultation and engagement with indigenous groups will continue throughout the lifecycle of the Project. This includes ongoing consultation and engagement before, during, and after construction is completed. Key components of these future efforts will include the following:

- Prior to construction: FEI will consult with stakeholders and engage with Indigenous groups to understand issues, areas of interest and concerns. This feedback will support FEI's efforts to minimize impacts during construction.
- During construction: FEI will continue to consult and engage with stakeholders and Indigenous groups, ensuring they are provided with up-to-date Project information and addressing any concerns and questions that arise.
- Following construction and Project completion: FEI will continue to consult and engage stakeholders and Indigenous groups throughout restoration activities.



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1.4 Please confirm, or explain otherwise, that the evidentiary update to be completed by December 15, 2020 will include an update on planned and conducted consultation on the Sperling route to date.

Response:

Confirmed. FEI will include an update on planned and conducted consultation and engagement for the Sperling Route in its evidentiary update to be completed no later than December 15, 2020.