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FEI - CPCN FOR THE TILBURY LNG STORAGE EXPANSION PROJECT EXHIBIT A-2
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Ms. Diane Roy
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Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. – Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Tilbury Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Storage Expansion Project – Project No. 1599170 – Regulatory Timetable

Dear Ms. Roy:

Further to your December 29, 2020 filing of the above-noted application, enclosed please find British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-26-21 establishing a regulatory timetable.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Marija Tresoglavic
Acting Commission Secretary

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ORDER NUMBER
G-26-21

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the
Tilbury Liquefied Natural Gas Storage Expansion Project

BEFORE:

A. K. Fung, QC, Panel Chair
T. A. Loski, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner
D. M. Morton, Commissioner

on January 26, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 29, 2020, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for the approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Tilbury Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Storage Expansion (TLSE) Project (Application);
- B. The TLSE Project includes the following:
 - i. Construction and operation of a 3 billion cubic feet (Bcf) LNG storage tank;
 - ii. Construction and operation of 800 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/day) of regasification capacity;
 - iii. Construction or modification and operation of any of the necessary auxiliary systems, including items such as utility pipe racks, in-tank pumps, piping, and connections to the sendout gas pipeline; and
 - iv. Demolition of the above-ground portion of the Tilbury Base Plant LNG storage tank and liquefaction facilities;
- C. In the Application, FEI also seek approval from the BCUC, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, of the following:
 - i. The non-rate base TLSE Application and Preliminary Stage Development Costs deferral account, attracting a weighted average cost of capital return until the account enters rate base. FEI proposes to transfer the balance in the deferral account to rate base on January 1 of the year following BCUC approval of the Application and commence amortization over a three-year period thereafter;

- ii. The non-rate base TLSE FX Mark to Market deferral account, with no financing return, to capture the mark-to-market valuation of any foreign currency forward contracts entered into related to construction of the TLSE Project; and
 - iii. Depreciation and net salvage rates of 1.67 percent and 0.67 percent, respectively, for the new 3 Bcf LNG storage tank; and
- D. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and considers that the establishment of a public hearing is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A public hearing for the review of the Application is established, in accordance with the regulatory timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order (Regulatory Timetable).
2. FEI is to publish the Public Notice, attached as Appendix B to this order, in print/display-ad format in appropriate news publications, such as but not limited to, local and community newspapers to provide adequate notice to those parties who may have an interest in or be affected by the Application, as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than February 14, 2021.
3. As soon as practicable, FEI is directed to publish, together with any supporting materials, the Application, this order and the accompanying Regulatory Timetable and Public Notice by using appropriate communication methods, including FEI's website and social media accounts.
4. FEI is to notify all Indigenous Groups outlined in Table 8-4 of the Application and all stakeholders outlined in Appendix Q-3 of the Application regarding the BCUC review of the Application.
5. In accordance with BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, parties who wish to actively participate in this proceeding must submit the Request to Intervene Form, available on the BCUC's website at <https://www.bcuc.com/get-involved/get-involved-proceeding.html>, by the date established in the Regulatory Timetable.
6. FEI is directed to file confidentially with the BCUC an unredacted version of the Application which highlights the sections of the Application that have been redacted in the public version, as soon as practicable.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26th day of January 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A. K. Fung, QC
Commissioner

Attachment

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the
Tilbury Liquefied Natural Gas Storage Expansion Project

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2021)
FEI to publish Notice	Sunday, February 14
Intervener registration	Thursday, February 25
Workshop*	Thursday, March 11
BCUC and intervener information request (IR) No. 1	Thursday, March 25
FEI response to IR No. 1	Monday, April 26
Procedural conference	Wednesday, May 12
Further process	To be determined

* To be held virtually commencing at 9 a.m. Active participation in the workshop will be limited to the BCUC and registered interveners; however, any party may attend the live broadcast. Further details regarding the workshop will be issued in due course.



We want to hear from you

FortisBC Energy Inc. Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Tilbury Liquefied Natural Gas Storage Expansion Project

On December 29, 2020, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Tilbury Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Storage Expansion Project (Application). The Project will increase the resiliency of FEI's natural gas delivery system by improving FEI's ability to maintain continuity of service to customers in the event of a disruption in the supply of natural gas to FEI's system. The Application seeks to construct and operate a new LNG storage tank and regasification system on FEI's existing Tilbury site located on Tilbury Island, Delta, BC. The project is estimated to cost \$769 million (in as-spent dollars) and is expected to be constructed over an approximately four-year period.

To provide your insights, thoughts and perspectives on the Application, submit a letter of comment, request intervener status or register as an interested party at www.bcuc.com/get-involved. All submissions will be posted on www.bcuc.com and will be considered by the Panel in its review of the Application.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **Submit a letter of comment**
- **Register as an interested party**
- **Request intervener status**
- **Virtually attend the FEI Workshop***

IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Thursday, February 25, 2021** – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC
2. **Thursday, March 11, 2021** – FEI Workshop commencing at 9 a.m., to be held virtually*

**Parties who wish to attend the FEI workshop must register via email with FEI by Monday, March 8, 2021. Further details regarding the workshop will be posted on the proceeding page for the Application in due course at: <https://www.bcuc.com/ApplicationView.aspx?ApplicationId=843>*

GET MORE INFORMATION

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