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Movement of United Professionals
c/o Allevato Quail & Roy, Barristers and Solicitors
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Attention: Mr. Jim Quail

Dear Mr. Quail

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)

Biomethane Energy Recovery Charge (BERC) Rate Methodology – British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Decision and Order G-133-16 Compliance Filing – BERC Rate Assessment Report

Response to Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union, Local 378 (known as Movement of United Professionals or MoveUP) Information Request (IR) No. 1

On August 12, 2020, FEI filed the Application referenced above. In accordance with the BCUC Order G-35-21 setting out the Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application, FEI respectfully submits the attached response to MoveUP IR No. 1.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

Original signed:

Diane Roy

Attachments

cc (email only): Commission Secretary
Registered Parties

1 **1.0 Sales Volume**

2 1.1 Please provide a table showing, for each year beginning in 2015, FEI's total core
 3 market gas delivery volume, total RNG delivery volume, and the percentage of
 4 total gas volume that consisted of RNG.

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6 **Response:**

7 Table 1 below compares the total annual RNG supply (A), FEI's actual non-bypass volume per
 8 year (B), and the percentage that the total annual RNG supply represents of FEI's non-bypass
 9 volume for years 2015 to 2020 (C) = (A/B).

10 **Table 1: RNG to Non-bypass Volume Comparison**

Item	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
A Total RNG Supply (TJ)	132.6	133.7	153.8	176.2	224.5	250.4
B FEI Non-Bypass Volume, Actual (TJ)	167,759	177,539	199,193	190,273	198,894	196,381
C RNG Percentage of Non-Bypass Volume	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.09%	0.11%	0.13%

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1 **2.0 Retention of Current BERC Rate Methodology**

2 **Reference: Exhibit B-1 at page 14:**

3 FEI believes that maintaining the current BERC rate methodology will be essential to
4 maintaining the interest of new customers enrolling in the RNG Program in 2021 and
5 increasing demand for this new RNG supply.

6 **And reference: Exhibit B-2 at page 4:**

7 As discussed above, FEI's plan for a comprehensive review and assessment of the RNG
8 Program is underway and will address all aspects of the program including, but not
9 limited to, the items identified in the BCUC's preliminary scope list.

10 2.1 Is FEI suggesting that maintaining the current methodology is not essential
11 beyond 2021?

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13 **Response:**

14 No. Please refer to FEI's response to BCUC IR1 10.1.

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18 2.2 For the purposes of the above extract from Exhibit B-1, which aspects of the
19 current methodology does FEI believe must be retained (and through what time-
20 frame) for

21 a. maintaining the interest of new customers enrolling in the RNG Program in
22 2021; and

23 b. increasing demand for this new RNG supply?

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25 **Response:**

26 FEI believes that all aspects of the current BERC methodology should be retained through 2021
27 and until such time as the forthcoming comprehensive review and assessment of the RNG
28 Program is complete.

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32 2.3 In the above extract from Exhibit B-1, is FEU suggesting that modifications to the
33 current methodology, or the adoption of different strategies for its RNG program,
34 could not improve the program and its attainment of sound regulatory objectives
35 in 2021 and beyond?

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1 **Response:**

2 No. FEI's position in the Report is that the current BERC rate successfully increased program
3 participation, sales volume and revenues, and would continue to do so as FEI brings significant
4 new volumes of RNG on stream. As indicated in the Report, however, FEI continues to monitor
5 various drivers of demand and felt it may propose Program modifications in the future.¹ FEI is
6 open to modifications which may lead to a program better suited to the current and future
7 market conditions while balancing regulatory principles.

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¹ Report, page 8, lines 13 - 14, and page 19 lines 16 – 25.