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

Dear Mr. Wruck:

**Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)**  
**2020 Biomethane Variance Account (BVA) Status Report**

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Pursuant to direction set out in the Decision accompanying British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Order G-133-16, FEI is to file an annual BVA status report by April 30 of each year with a reconciliation of the BVA for the immediately preceding calendar year. The attached materials provide the FEI 2020 BVA Status Report (2020 Status Report). The 2020 Status Report includes explanations of major variances from forecast for gas costs incurred and gas costs recovered.

The 2020 pre-tax result of the BVA activities amounted to a variance of \$730,300, after adjustment for unsold biomethane (Tab 1, Page 1, Column 4, Line 15). The net of tax account balance at December 31, 2020, after adjustment for unsold biomethane but before any transfer to the BVA Rate Rider Account, was \$3,661,500 deficit (Tab 1, Page 1, Column 2, Line 25); after transfer of the BVA net of tax deficit amount of \$3,661,500 (Tab 1, Page 1, Column 2, Line 27) to the BVA Rate Rider Account, the year end BVA balance was zero (Tab 1, Page 1, Column 2, Line 29).

FEI requests the information contained within Pages 3 and 3.1 to be treated as CONFIDENTIAL.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

FEI is requesting that this information be filed on a confidential basis pursuant to Section 18 of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure regarding confidential documents adopted by Order G-15-19, and Section 71(5) of the Utilities Commission Act and requests that the BCUC exercise its discretion under Section 6.0 of the Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply

Contracts and allow these documents to remain confidential. FEI believes this will ensure that market sensitive information is protected, and FEI's ability to obtain favourable commercial terms for future natural gas contracting is not impaired.

In this regard, FEI further believes that the Core Market could be disadvantaged and may well shoulder incremental costs if utility gas supply procurement strategies as well as contracts are treated in a different manner than those of other gas purchasers, and believes that since it continues to operate within a competitive environment, there is no necessity for public disclosure and risk prejudice or influence in the negotiations or renegotiation of subsequent contracts.

All of which is respectfully submitted. If you have any questions related to the attached report, please contact Scott Gramm at 604-576-7242

Sincerely,

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC.**

***Original signed:***

***Diane Roy***

Attachment

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - MAINLAND AND VANCOUVER ISLAND SERVICE AREA**  
**BVA STATUS REPORT**  
**BVA SUMMARY (\$000)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

TAB 1  
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Line No.	Particulars	Recorded	Forecast <sup>(a)</sup>	Variance
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	<b>2020 BVA Opening Balance <sup>(b)</sup></b>			
2	December 31, 2019 Pre-Tax Balance (Before Transfer and Adjustment for Unsold Biomethane)	\$ 2,627.1	\$ -	\$ 2,627.1
3	December 31, 2019 Transfer to BVA Rate Rider Account (Net of Tax)	\$ (1,916.7)	\$ -	
4	Tax Recovery	(708.9)	-	
5	December 31, 2019 Pre-Tax transfer to BVA Rate Rider Account	(2,625.6)	-	(2,625.6)
6	Pre-Tax Balance January 1, 2020 (After Transfer and Before Adjustment for Unsold Biomethane)	\$ 1.5	\$ -	\$ 1.5
7	Pre-Tax Adjustment for Unsold Biomethane at January 1, 2020 <sup>(c)</sup>	(1.5)	-	(1.5)
8	Pre-Tax Balance (After Adjustment for Unsold Biomethane)	\$ (0.0)	\$ -	\$ (0.0)
9	Tax Recovery 27.00%	0.0	-	0.0
10	Net of Tax Balance (After Adjustment for Unsold Biomethane)	\$ (0.0)	\$ -	\$ (0.0)
11	<b>2020 BVA Activities:</b>			
12	Biomethane Costs Incurred	\$ 8,167.1	\$ 8,517.4	\$ (350.4)
13	Biomethane Costs Recovered	(3,152.9)	(4,495.2)	1,342.3
14	Change in Unsold Biomethane Quantity	1.5	263.1	(261.6)
15	Total Activities - Pre-Tax	\$ 5,015.7	\$ 4,285.4	\$ 730.3
16	<b>BVA Ending Balance at December 31, 2020</b>			
17	Pre-Tax Balance (Before Transfer and Before Adjustment for Unsold Biomethane)			
18	(Line 2 + Line 5 + Line 12 + Line 13)	\$ 5,015.7	\$ 4,022.3	\$ 993.4
19	Pre-Tax Adjustment for Unsold Biomethane at December 31, 2020 <sup>(d)</sup>			
20	(Line 7 + Line 14)	-	263.1	(263.1)
21	Pre-Tax Balance (Before Transfer and After Adjustment for Unsold Biomethane)	\$ 5,015.7	\$ 4,285.4	\$ 730.3
22				
23	Tax Recovery 27.00%	(1,354.2)	(1,157.1)	(197.2)
24				
25	Net of Tax Balance (Before Transfer and After Adjustment for Unsold Biomethane)	\$ 3,661.5	\$ 3,128.3	\$ 533.1
26	<sup>(e)</sup>			
27	<b>Transfer to BVA Rate Rider Account (Net of Tax)</b>	\$ (3,661.5)	\$ (3,128.3)	\$ (533.1)
28				
29	Balance (After Adjustment for Unsold & Transfer to BVA Rate Rider Account)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - MAINLAND AND VANCOUVER ISLAND SERVICE AREA  
BVA STATUS REPORT  
BVA SUMMARY (\$000)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Notes:

- (a) The annual forecast amounts referenced in the report are defined as the aggregate of the forecasts used in the BVA reports listed below.  
Jan - Oct 2020 forecasts from the 2019 BVA Annual Report.  
Nov - Dec 2020 forecasts from the 2020 BVA Annual Report.

- (b) Recorded opening balance reconciles to the December 31, 2019 balance in the FortisBC Energy Inc. 2019 BVA Status Report filed on April 30, 2020.  
Forecast opening balance as per the 2019 BVA Annual Report.

	<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
Calculation of Adjustment for Unsold Biomethane at January 1, 2020		
December 31, 2019 Quantity Unsold (in TJ)	0.1	-
January 1, 2020 effective BERC rate (in \$/GJ)	\$ 10.535	\$ 10.535
Value of Unsold Biomethane at January 1, 2020	\$ 1.5	\$ -

	<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
Calculation of Adjustment for Unsold Biomethane at December 31, 2020		
December 31, 2019 Quantity Unsold (in TJ)	0.1	-
2020 Quantity Purchased (in TJ)	306.0	401.7
2020 Quantity Sold (in TJ)	(306.2)	(426.7)
Total Quantity Unsold at December 31, 2020 (in TJ)	0.0	(25.0)
BERC rate in effect at forecast (in \$/GJ)		\$ 10.535
January 1, 2021 effective BERC rate (in \$/GJ)	\$ 11.830	
Value of Unsold Biomethane at December 31, 2020	\$ 0.0	\$ (263.1)

- (e) Pursuant to Order G-133-16, and the Decision issued concurrently, the net of tax balance at December 31 each year, after adjustment for the value of unsold biomethane quantities, is transferred to the BVA Rate Rider Account for recovery from / refund to all non-bypass customers.

*Slight differences in totals due to rounding.*

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - MAINLAND AND VANCOUVER ISLAND SERVICE AREA**  
**BVA STATUS REPORT**  
**BVA GAS COST ACTIVITIES (\$000)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Line No.	Particulars	Total Activities 2020					
		Recorded (2)	Forecast (3)	Variance (4)			
1	Total BVA Gas Costs Incurred	\$ 8,167.1	\$ 8,517.4	\$ (350.4)			
2							
3	Total BVA Gas Costs Recovered	(3,152.9)	(4,495.2)	1,342.3			
4							
5	Change in Unsold Biomethane Quantity	1.5080	263.1	(261.6)			
6							
7							
8	<b>TOTAL BVA ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$ 5,015.7</b>	<b>\$ 4,285.4</b>	<b>\$ 730.3</b>			
9							
10							
11							
12							
13	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Jan to Oct</b>		<b>Nov to Dec</b>			
14		<b>Recorded</b>	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Recorded</b>	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Variance</b>
15	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(5)</b>		<b>(1)</b>
16							
17	BVA Gas Costs Incurred	\$ 6,618.2	\$ 6,954.4	\$ (336.3)	\$ 1,548.9	\$ 1,563.0	\$ (14.1)
18							
19	BVA Gas Costs Recovered	(2,151.8)	(3,509.0)	1,357.2	(1,001.1)	(986.2)	(14.9)
20							
21	Change in Unsold Biomethane Quantity	(408.5)	(146.9)	(261.6)	410.0	410.0	(0.0)
22							
23							
24	<b>Total BVA Quarterly Activities</b>	<b>\$ 4,057.9</b>	<b>\$ 3,298.5</b>	<b>\$ 759.3</b>	<b>\$ 957.8</b>	<b>\$ 986.8</b>	<b>\$ (29.1)</b>

Slight differences in totals due to rounding.

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - MAINLAND AND VANCOUVER ISLAND SERVICE AREA**  
**BVA STATUS REPORT**  
**BVA COSTS RECOVERED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Line No.	Particulars	Recoveries (\$000)			Quantities (TJ)			Average Price (\$/GJ)	Variance (\$000)		
		Recorded	Forecast	Variance	Recorded	Forecast	Variance		Quantity/Rate	Other	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	
				(2)-(3)			(5)-(6)			(4)-(9)	
1	<b>RECOVERED</b>										
2	Residential	\$ (1,172.7)	\$ (1,224.8)	\$ 52.1	(111.3)	(116.3)	4.9	\$ 10.535	\$ 52.1	\$ -	
3	Commercial	(423.7)	(1,089.5)	665.8	(40.2)	(103.4)	63.2	\$ 10.530	665.8	-	
4	On/Off System & Other	(1,556.5)	(2,180.9)	624.4	(154.6)	(207.0)	52.4	\$ 10.067	624.4	-	
5	<b>Total Recovered before Adjustment</b>	<b>\$ (3,152.9)</b>	<b>\$ (4,495.2)</b>	<b>\$ 1,342.3</b>	<b>(306.2)</b>	<b>(426.7)</b>	<b>120.5</b>		<b>\$ 1,342.3</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(A)</b>
6											
7											
8	<b>Change in Unsold Biomethane Quantity</b>	\$ 1.5	\$ 263.1	\$ (261.6)	0.1	25.0	(24.8)		\$ (261.6)	\$ -	<b>(B)</b>
9											
10											
11	<b>Total BVA Recoveries After Unsold Adjustment</b>	<b>\$ (3,151.4)</b>	<b>\$ (4,232.0)</b>	<b>\$ 1,080.6</b>	<b>(306.0)</b>	<b>(401.7)</b>	<b>95.7</b>		<b>\$ 1,080.6</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

**Variance Explanations:**

(A) FortisBC Energy Inc. BERC rates in effect during 2019, and during adjacent periods, were as follows:

January 1, 2019	\$ 10.287 /GJ
January 1, 2020	\$ 10.535 /GJ
January 1, 2021	\$ 11.830 /GJ

(B) Decrease in quantity due to lower than expected purchases and sales.

Breakdown of <b>RECORDED</b> change in inventory:	Quantity	Price	Component (\$000)		Amounts	References
	(in TJ)	(\$/GJ)	Quantity	Price	(\$000)	
<b>Jan 1, 2020 (Opening Inventory)</b>	0.1	\$ 10.535			\$ 1.5	Reconciles to Tab 1, Page 1.1, Footnote (c)
Jan - Dec Change in Quantity	(0.1)	\$ 10.535	\$ (1.5)			(Decrease in Inventory) x (\$10.535)
Dec 31, 2019 Balance x Increase in Price	0.0	\$ 1.295	\$ 0.0			(Dec 31 Balance) x (\$11.830 - \$10.535)
<b>Dec 31, 2020 (Inventory at Jan 1, 2021 BERC)</b>	0.0	\$ 11.830			<b>\$ 0.0</b>	Reconciles to Tab 1, Page 1.1, Footnote (d)
Breakdown of <b>FORECAST</b> change in inventory:						
<b>Jan 1, 2020 (Forecast Opening Inventory)</b>	-	\$ 10.535			\$ -	Reconciles to Tab 1, Page 1.1, Footnote (c)
Jan - Dec Forecast Change in Quantity	-	\$ 10.535	\$ -			(Decrease in Inventory) x (\$10.535)
<b>Dec 31, 2020 (Forecast Closing Inventory)</b>	(25.0)	\$ 10.535			<b>\$ (263.1)</b>	Reconciles to Tab 1, Page 1.1, Footnote (d)

Notes:

(a) The change in the quantity of unsold biomethane (purchases less sales during the year), valued at the effective BERC rate. The BVA balance needs to be adjusted to reflect the value of the unsold biomethane in order to determine the BVA surplus/deficit related to the over/under recovery of costs at the current BERC rate.

*Slight differences in totals due to rounding.*