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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)**

**Project No. 1599152**

**Application for Approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Okanagan Capacity Upgrade (OCU) Project (Application)**

**FEI Submission on Further Process**

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FEI writes to provide its submissions on further regulatory process, pursuant to the regulatory timetable established by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) in Order G-166-21.

FEI has responded to approximately 965 IRs in three rounds and submits there is ample evidence on the record in this proceeding to make a public interest determination and to warrant moving to written final argument. FEI proposes the following schedule for the remainder of the regulatory process.

ACTION	DATE (2021)
FEI Written Final Submission	Thursday, July 29
Intervener Written Final Submission	Monday, August 16
FEI Written Reply Submission	Monday, August 30

FEI acknowledges that the PIB has stated that it may seek opportunities to file written evidence.<sup>1</sup> FEI submits that should the PIB seek to file written evidence, that the regulatory

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit C5-4.

timetable accommodate a round of IRs on that evidence followed by an opportunity for FEI to file rebuttal evidence, if required.

FEI noted in the Application that Project completion is planned prior to winter of 2023/2024 to meet the expected increase in load growth.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, FEI respectfully requests a decision from the BCUC as soon as practicable to allow FEI to meet its Project schedule.<sup>3</sup> Should any intervener intend to file evidence, FEI will address the potential impacts to the timing of the BCUC's decision and the Project schedule in its reply submission on process.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC.**

***Original signed:***

Diane Roy

cc (email only): Registered Interveners

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<sup>2</sup> Exhibit B-1-2, Updated Application, Page 7.

<sup>3</sup> Exhibit B-1-2, Updated Application, Page 77.