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British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC
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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 Reply Submission on Further Process

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

The procedural submissions of the Penticton Indian Band (PIB) confirmed the PIB's request to file evidence in this proceeding.

As stated in FEI's primary procedural submissions, should the PIB file written evidence, the regulatory timetable should accommodate a round of information requests (IRs) on that evidence followed by an opportunity for FEI to file rebuttal evidence, if required.

The Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA) submitted that, should additional evidence be submitted by the PIB (or by any other party), that the regulatory timetable be extended to make allowance for further process related to that evidence (e.g., review, information requests, rebuttal evidence from FEI, and incorporation into final submissions).

The B.C. Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) submitted that if PIB wished to file evidence, then BCSEA would support an opportunity for the PIB to do so and for information requests on the PIB's evidence.

The Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC) submitted that if the matter does not proceed to final submissions at this time, it will participate in any further necessary regulatory process.

As the PIB has now confirmed its intent to file written evidence, FEI submits that the regulatory timetable should be adjusted to accommodate this, followed by a round of IRs on that evidence, followed by an opportunity for FEI and interveners to file rebuttal evidence, if required.

If the PIB's proposed date for the filing of its evidence is accepted by the BCUC, FEI anticipates that the associated procedural steps proposed above will extend beyond the October 27, 2021 date proposed by the PIB for its presentation of oral evidence.

Either before or after IRs on the PIB's evidence and the filing of any required rebuttal evidence, FEI submits that submissions from the parties on further process should be exchanged, or alternatively, that a procedural conference should be held, to determine the scheduling of the PIB's oral evidence and further procedural matters.

To accommodate the further regulatory review process yet maintain the necessary Project in-service date, FEI will adjust the Project timelines and re-evaluate its contracting strategy and project delivery method to meet the updated construction timeframes during available environmental and weather windows.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

Original signed:

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cc (email only): Registered Intervenors