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British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre
Suite 803 470 Granville Street
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Attention: Ms. Leigha Worth, Executive Director

Dear Ms. Worth:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for Approval of the Coastal Transmission System Transmission Integrity Management Capabilities Project (Application)

Response to the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre representing the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Active Support Against Poverty, Disability Alliance BC, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, and the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre *et al.* (BCOAPO) Information Request (IR) No. 2

On February 11, 2021, FEI filed the Application referenced above. FEI respectfully submits the attached response to BCOAPO IR No. 2 in advance of the deadline established in British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-285-21.

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



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1 **13.0 Reference: Exhibit B-6, Response to question 10.1**

2 Preamble: In the response, FEI discusses the impact if a permit is delayed. On lines
3 18-22, FEI states:

4 If the receipt of a permit is delayed, FEI will not commence planned construction
5 in areas where that permit is required. Project schedule accounts for permits from
6 the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Metro Vancouver, and CP Rail
7 that are anticipated to have longer lead times (12 to 18 months) than the permits
8 identified in Section 5.9.1 of the Application (6 to 12 months). Up to a 6 month
9 delay in the permitting process would not impact the overall Project schedule.

10 13.1 Please fully explain the impact of a significant delay in a permit causes a portion
11 of the system to be left with no upgrades. Will that cause any disruptions in service
12 to customers?

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14 **Response:**

15 A significant delay in permitting in a given area would not result in service disruptions.

16 The existing Coastal Transmission System (CTS) is capable of handling current and projected
17 demand throughout the Lower Mainland and the proposed modifications will not impact the
18 capacity of the system. The planned system modifications will enable the use of the new EMAT
19 ILI technology to enhance FEI's integrity management program. A delay in permitting could only
20 delay the installation of the proposed modifications which are necessary to implement the new
21 EMAT ILI program.

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