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November 19, 2021

British Columbia Utilities Commission Suite 410, 900 Howe Street Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

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 Request for Extension of the Regulatory Process

FEI writes with respect to the oral hearing regarding the oral evidence of the Penticton Indian Band (PIB) scheduled for November 23, 2021 (Oral Hearing).

In light of ongoing discussions between FEI and the PIB relating to the Project, FEI requests that the Oral Hearing and subsequent steps in the proceeding be postponed in order to facilitate further discussions between PIB and FEI.

FEI proposes that the Oral Hearing be rescheduled to a date in March 2022. FEI proposes that the BCUC canvas the availability of participating parties and that the timing of subsequent steps in the regulatory timetable (i.e., IRs on the PIB oral evidence, notice of intent for the filing of rebuttal evidence, and argument if no rebuttal evidence is filed) be adjusted accordingly to follow a rescheduled Oral Hearing date.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

Original signed:

Diane Roy

cc (email only): Registered Interveners