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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 Penticton Indian Band Extension Request**

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FEI writes in accordance with BCUC Order G-2-22 (Exhibit A-25) and the BCUC's letter dated February 7, 2022 (Exhibit A-26) to provide submissions on FEI's availability for the oral hearing regarding the oral evidence of the Penticton Indian Band (PIB), and the PIB's extension request dated February 7, 2022 (Exhibit C5-24).

As described in the PIB's letter, engagement between FEI and the PIB has been productive, but remains ongoing. Accordingly, FEI supports PIB's request for a further extension to address matters relating to the oral hearing.

FEI submits that the BCUC review of the Application should continue after there has been further opportunity for engagement between FEI and PIB, and that an adjournment is not warranted at this time in light of the need to address expected capacity constraints on a timely basis. Given the developments and passage of time since the filing of the Application, FEI anticipates providing an evidentiary update as part of the regulatory process after further discussions have occurred with the PIB. This update would include an updated project schedule and a description of identified temporary capacity mitigation measures that will need to be enacted for the winter of 2022/23. FEI's proposed timing for an evidentiary update is expected to depend on the contents of further discussions with the PIB. Accordingly, FEI recommends that it be permitted to address the timing of an update after further engagement with the PIB has occurred.

In the event that the BCUC does not provide a further extension, FEI is available for an oral hearing throughout March and April with the exception of April 14 and 20.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC.**

***Original signed:***

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cc (email only): Registered Interveners