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November 19, 2024

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

Attention: Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary

Dear Patrick Wruck:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)

Application to set the RNG Blend Percent, Storage & Transportation (S&T) RNG Rider, and RNG Charges, Effective January 1, 2025 (Application)

FEI files this Application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to set the RNG Blend percent, S&T Rider, and RNG Charges commencing January 1, 2025. Specifically, FEI is seeking the BCUC's approval pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) of the following, effective January 1, 2025:

- To set the RNG Blend percent at 2 percent, resulting in an RNG volume of 3,383 terajoules (TJ) that FEI plans to deliver through the RNG Blend, commencing January 1, 2025;
- To deliver, on a forecast basis, 2,013 TJ of RNG to Voluntary RNG customers from January 1 to December 31, 2025;
- To set the S&T RNG Rider (Rider 8) equal to \$0.301 per GJ;
- To set the RNG Charge as set out below:
 - Rate Schedules 1RNG, 2RNG, 3RNG, 5RNG, 7RNG equal to \$13.216 per GJ;
 - o Rate Schedules 3VRNG, 5VRNG equal to \$23.346 per GJ;
 - Rate Schedule 11RNG equal to \$23.647 per GJ;
 - o Rate Schedule 46 for NGV equal to \$23.346 per GJ; and
 - o Rate Schedule 46 for non-NGV equal to \$13.216 per GJ.



On May 31, 2024 FEI filed for approval of its first RNG Blend percent and S&T RNG Rider, effective July 1, 2024. On September 11, 2024, the BCUC issued Decision and Order G-242-24 approving FEI's proposals and directing FEI to:¹

... include, as part of future applications to set the S&T RNG Rider, annual forecast information pertaining to the RNG Blend service for a minimum of five years following the effective date of the proposed S&T RNG Rider, with consideration given to whether a rate smoothing mechanism may be appropriate for the proposed S&T RNG Rider in light of the forecast information. This information should include a minimum of the following:

- The forecast ending balance of the RNG Account in both dollars and volumes (TJs) for each year;
- The forecast RNG Blend percentage for each year;
- The forecast S&T RNG Rider and impact to customer bills resulting from the S&T RNG Rider for each year; and
- The age of unsold RNG inventory for each year.

In this Application, FEI has provided the above information as directed by Order G-242-24 together with other details and calculations necessary to set the proposed RNG Blend percent and various RNG Charges for January 1, 2025.

If the BCUC is unable to issue its decision on this Application by December 6, 2024, then FEI requests approval of the above items on an interim basis pending the BCUC's final determination.

Below, FEI sets out its proposals to set the RNG Blend at 2 percent, S&T RNG Rider and RNG Charges.

1. RNG Blend of 2 Percent

FEI proposes to set the RNG Blend at 2 percent of sales customers' monthly throughput for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. FEI estimates that this will result in RNG sales through the RNG Blend of approximately 3,383 TJ over the period. FEI forecasts that its inventory of unsold RNG will total approximately 5,282 TJ by the end of the period after all forecast RNG sales, redirection and purchases are accounted for.

As shown in Table 5 below, an RNG Blend at 2 percent in 2025 results in an increase to the bill of 0.8 percent for a residential customer consuming 90 GJ annually. While not controlled by the Company, FEI has also included in Table 5 below the impact to the bill from the anticipated change in carbon tax. FEI expects the increase in carbon tax to result in a 4.4 percent increase to residential customers bills in 2025. FEI considers that setting a higher RNG Blend percentage at this time could result in excessive customer bill impact. When selecting

¹ Order G-242-24, Dir. 7.

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the 2 percent Blend, FEI must also consider the impact to customers from delivery rate changes² that will occur on January 1, 2025.

FEI intends to increase the Blend percentage gradually over the coming years to smooth the rate impact over time. This will help customers adjust to the cost impacts from decarbonizing their gaseous energy.

2. S&T RNG Rider

FEI proposes to set the S&T RNG Rider at \$0.301 per GJ, commencing January 1, 2025. This amount is an increase of \$0.120 per GJ compared to the currently approved S&T RNG Rider of \$0.181 per GJ.

FEI determined the S&T RNG Rider considering:

- Residual BVA Rider revenue that contributed to an increase to the balance of the BVA Balance Transfer account at October 31, 2024. At October 31, 2024 the actual balance of the BVA Balance Transfer Account is zero, with all residual BVA Rider revenues transferred to the RNG Account.
- The value of the RNG inventory at December 31, 2025 in the RNG Account at the end of the year, which FEI forecasts to be \$124.918 million.
- The cost and recovery activities being accounted for in FEI's RNG Account over the remainder of 2024 (Projected) and 2025 (Forecast), including the acquisition and production costs of RNG, RNG Mitigation Revenue activities, in-BC RNG production interconnection costs, biomethane general O&M (overhead) costs, Voluntary RNG recoveries, and the amount of 2024 and 2025 mitigation revenue transferred to the RNG Account, calculated to reach an S&T RNG Rider equal to \$0.301 per GJ.

Each of these considerations is discussed below.

BVA Balance Transfer Account Balance of Zero

In its application filed on May 31, 2024 to set the S&T RNG Rider for the first time, FEI had forecast to transfer to the RNG Account the balance in the BVA Balance Transfer account that had not yet been recovered from customers. At the time of the filing, FEI started with the actual balance in the account at March 31, 2024 and projected additional BVA Rider revenues for which it now has actuals.

Additionally, due to the delay to October 1, 2024 in implementing the revised RNG program in Revelstoke, Revelstoke customers' bills continued to include the BVA Rate Rider; therefore, BVA Rate Rider revenue continued to be collected from Revelstoke Customers and accounted for in the BVA Balance Transfer account.

On November 5, 2024, FEI filed for approval of interim delivery rates effective January 1, 2025 as part of the FortisBC 2025 to 2027 Rate Setting Framework proceeding.



FEI has transferred the residual BVA Rider revenue to the RNG Account for the purposes of setting the S&T RNG Rider for January 1, 2025. A total of \$12.412 million (before tax) of unrecovered BVA Balance Transfer costs were transferred to the RNG Account.

The table below sets out the actual activity in the BVA Balance Transfer account from January 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024.

Table 1: BVA Balance Transfer Account Transfer to RNG Account

<u>Line</u>		Projected
No.	<u>Particulars</u>	2024 Reference
1		
2	BVA Balance Transfer Account (\$000)	
3	Opening Balance (net of Tax)	23,531 Actual
4	Recoveries (BVA Rate Rider at \$0.181/GJ)	(19,822) Actual
5	Tax on Recoveries at 27%	5,352 - Line 4 x 27%
6	Transfer to RNG Account (Grossed-up)	(12,412) - (Sum of Lines 3 through 5)/(1 - 27%)
7	Tax on Transfer to RNG Account at 27%	3,351 Line 6 x 27%
8	Closing Balance	Sum of Lines 3 through 7

As indicated in the table above, the BVA Balance Transfer account has a forecast balance of zero at October 31, 2024, from which point FEI forecasts no further activity.³

Value of RNG Inventory and RNG Volume Delivered through RNG Blend and Voluntary RNG

FEI next considered the value of its RNG inventory at December 31, 2025 at FEI's 2025 average acquisition cost of RNG. The average acquisition cost includes the cost to acquire RNG from various third-party producers, the cost to produce RNG from FEI-owned assets, and the cost of interconnection facilities required to connect producers (third party and FEI) to FEI's distribution system.

FEI forecasts that 5,282 TJ of RNG will remain in the RNG Account at December 31, 2025, after accounting for the opening balance, acquisitions, Voluntary RNG sales and RNG Blend sales, assuming a 2 percent Blend.

As set out on Line 4 of Table 2 (year 2025) below, FEI forecasts to deliver 3,383 TJ of RNG through the RNG Blend. This amount is derived by multiplying FEI's January to December 2025 forecast sales service volume for rate schedules 1 through 7 and 46 of 169,156 TJ (Table 2, Line 3) by 2 percent. Additionally, as set out on Line 9 of Table 2 below, FEI forecasts to deliver 2,013 TJ of RNG through the Voluntary program from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

As discussed in its May 31, 2024 application to set the S&T RNG Rider, FEI will calculate the value left in the RNG Account at the end of a fiscal period by multiplying the remaining volume by the average acquisition cost for the period (2025). Accordingly, the value remaining in the RNG Account at the end of the year (on December 31, 2025) is \$124.915 million.⁴

Should any residual activity occur, FEI will transfer the amounts to the RNG Account.

^{5,282} TJ multiplied by the 2025 average cost of acquisition of \$23.647 per GJ (details in Appendix B).



Line 17 of Table 2 shows the average age (in months) of unsold inventory, which is calculated by dividing the average monthly 2025 inventory value by the sum of RNG Blend and Voluntary RNG recoveries (Cost of Goods Sold) multiplied by 12. Also, as directed, FEI has included annual forecast information pertaining to the RNG Blend service for a minimum of five years in the tables that follow.

Table 2: RNG Inventory, Value and Age (in months) at December 31

Line		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	
No.	Particulars	Projected	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Reference
1	RNG Blend Sales								
2	RNG Blend Percent (%)	1.0%	2.0%	4.0%	6.0%	8.0%	9.0%	10.0%	Selected
3	Sales Service Volume (TJ)	55,806	169,156	169,829	170,780	171,909	172,867	173,825	Forecast
4	RNG Blend Volume (TJ)	558	3,383	6,793	10,247	13,753	15,558	17,383	Line 2 x Line 3
5									
6	RNG Account Inventory (TJ)								
7	Opening Balance	2,615	3,223	5,282	9,381	12,453	12,642	10,648	Prior Year Ending Balance
8	Acquistion & Production Volume	3,100	7,456	13,243	16,038	17,193	17,589	17,670	Forecast
9	Voluntary RNG Sales	(1,831)	(2,013)	(2,351)	(2,719)	(3,252)	(4,025)	(5,152)	Forecast
10	RNG Blend Sales	(661)	(3,383)	(6,793)	(10,247)	(13,753)	(15,558)	(17,383)	- Line 4
11	Closing Balance	3,223	5,282	9,381	12,453	12,642	10,648	5,784	Sum of Lines 7 through 10
12									
13	Dec 31, Closing RNG Inventory Valuation								
14	Closing RNG Inventory (TJ)		5,282	9,381	12,453	12,642	10,648	5,784	Line 11
15	Average Acquisiton Cost of RNG (\$/GJ)		23.647	23.291	23.986	24.649	25.347	25.988	Forecast Average Cost of Acquisition
16	Closing Inventory Value (\$000)		124,915	218,491	298,708	311,613	269,904	150,311	Line 14 x Line 15
17	Average Age of Unsold Inventory (months)	13.1	13.1	9.0	9.7	8.4	6.6	3.8	(Average Inventory \$ / Sum of Cost of Goods Sold \$) x 12

RNG Mitigation Revenue Account, RNG Account, and S&T RNG Rider

FEI records in the RNG Account the costs and recoveries for activities associated with the acquisition and production of RNG, in-BC RNG production interconnection costs, RNG general O&M (overhead) costs, Voluntary RNG recoveries, RNG Blend recoveries, and the RNG mitigation revenue transferred into the RNG Account. The RNG Blend recovery amount is a function of all these amounts and the value of the ending RNG inventory.

As approved by Order G-242-24, FEI has accounted for its RNG mitigation revenue in a new RNG Mitigation Revenue deferral account. For 2025, FEI is forecasting to continue to mitigate RNG costs by redirecting approximately of RNG that FEI would have otherwise acquired to the RIN market,⁵ the revenues from which are returned to customers when setting the 2025 S&T RNG Rider. As discussed in its May 31, 2024 application, FEI forecast to transfer all of the remaining RNG mitigation revenue to the RNG Account to set the S&T RNG Rider for 2025. Table 3, Line 5 sets out the amounts that are transferred from the RNG Mitigation Revenue deferral account to the RNG Account for 2024 and 2025, resulting in a forecast balance of zero at the end of 2025.

On August 29, 2024, FEI filed for acceptance of Amending Agreement No. 1 to the redirection of RNG that FEI would otherwise receive from to the RIN market. FEI is awaiting acceptance of this filing. FEI is also planning to redirect RNG that FEI would otherwise receive from to the RIN market, pursuant to Order E-4-22. For 2025, FEI is forecasting to redirect approximately of RNG to the RIN market respecting the two aforementioned agreements.



Table 3: RNG Mitigation Revenue Deferral Account



After accounting for the RNG Mitigation Revenue transferred into the RNG Account, RNG acquisition costs, Voluntary RNG recoveries, the opening balance and value of ending RNG inventory, FEI calculates the RNG Blend recoveries for 2025 to equal \$50.936 million, on a forecast basis, as set out on Line 19 of Table 4 below. The \$50.936 million is the amount that FEI must collect from all Sales Service customers through the S&T RNG Rider so that the value of the RNG inventory remaining at December 31, 2025 is equal to the annual average cost of acquisition of that inventory.

The RNG Blend recovery amount of \$50.936 million (Table 4, Line 23) is divided by a forecast of FEI's non-bypass Sales Service customers' volume of 169,156 TJ (Table 4, Line 24) to determine the S&T RNG Rider of \$0.301 per GJ (Table 4, Line 25).

Line 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 **Particulars** Projected Forecast Forecast Forecast Forecast Forecast Forecast Reference No. RNG Account (After Tax) (\$000) 23,800 60,196 91,854 160,855 220,106 230,216 200,461 Prior Year Ending Balance Opening Balance BVA Balance Transfer Deferral Account 9,061 Table 1, Lines 6 + 7 466,364 Forecast 391,032 314,509 430,387 452,712 Voluntary RNG Recoveries (24,806) (32,342)(40,189) (48,023) (58,866) (74,985) (98,760) Forecast Tax on Above (13,028) (24.549) (74,066) (92,613) (100,311) (101,986) (99,253) - Sum of (Lines 4 through 6) x 27% 2,468 2,554 Interconnection 1,654 2.554 2.554 2.554 2.554 Forecast Blend RNG Recoveries (13,072) (50,936) (183,297) (265,344) (361,170) (421,986) (489,751) Line 19 Tax on Above 3,529 13,753 49,490 71,643 97,516 113,936 132,233 - Line 9 x 27% 11 12 RNG Account (Before Tax) (\$000) 13 14 Opening Balance 60.196 124,915 218,491 298,708 311,613 269,904 2025 = Line 2, thereafter Prior Year Ending Balance Tax Gross-Up 15 22,264 Line 14 / (1-0.27) - Line 14 16 317,063 184.460 432,941 455,266 468.919 Line 5 + Line 8 17 RNG costs (acquisiton, production, interconnection, overheads) 393,586 (48,023) (58,866) Voluntary RNG Recoveries (32,342)(40,189)(74,985) (98,760) Line 6 18 19 Blend RNG Recoveries (50,936) (183,298) (265,346) (361,170) (421,990) (489,752) -Sum of Lines 14 through 18 + Line 20 20 21 22 23 Costs to be Recovered through RNG Blend (\$000) 50.936 183.298 265,346 361,170 421,990 489.752 - Line 19 Forecast Sales Service Volume (TJ) 169,829 170,780 171,909 172,867 173,825 Table 2, Line 3 S&T RNG Rider (\$/GJ)

Table 4: Calculation of RNG Blend Recoveries and S&T RNG Rider

The BVA Balance Transfer account, the RNG Account, and the proposed RNG Mitigation Revenue deferral account activity are forecast amounts, and variances to actuals will occur. When resetting the S&T RNG Rider each year, FEI will use as many actual costs, recoveries and volumes as are available, thereby truing-up to actual amounts over time.

3. Residential Customer's Bill Impact from RNG Blend and Carbon Taxes

The table below shows the residential customer bill impact from the year-over-year change in the S&T RNG Rider and the year-over-year increase in carbon taxes per GJ. This analysis



assumes all other charges are unchanged and a residential customer use of 90 GJ of energy per year. Line 13 shows that the increase to a residential customer's bill in 2025, from the change to the S&T RNG Rider, is 0.8 percent. Line 14 shows that the increase to a customer's bill from the anticipated increase in carbon taxes is approximately 4.4 percent.

Table 5: Residential Customer Approximate Bill Impact from RNG Blend and Carbon Taxes

Line		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	
No.		Projected	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	
1	Blend Percent	1%	2%	4%	6%	8%	9%	10%	Table 2, Line 2
2	Residential Customer Bill Impact								
3	UPC (GJ)	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	
4	S&T RNG Rider (\$/GJ)	0.181	0.301	1.079	1.554	2.101	2.441	2.817	Table 4, Line 25
5	Carbon Tax (\$/GJ)	3.986	4.733	5.481	6.210	6.940	7.670	8.400 I	Forecast
6									
7	Residential Customers - with Carbon Tax								
8	All Charges Except RNG and Tax (\$)	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046	Current Approved Charges
9	RNG Charges from Blend (\$)	16	27	97	140	189	220	254 I	Line 3 x Line 4
10	Net Carbon Tax (After biomethane credit) (\$)	355	417	474	525	575	628	680 I	Line 3 x Line 5
11	Total (\$)	1,417	1,491	1,617	1,711	1,810	1,894	1,980	Line 8 + Line 9 + Line 10
12									
13	Bill Impact from Increase in Blend % and S&T RNG Rider		0.8%	4.7%	2.6%	2.9%	1.7%	1.8% ((Line 9 - Prior Year Line 9) / Prior Year Line 11
14	Bill Impact from Increase Carbon Tax per GJ		4.4%	3.8%	3.2%	2.9%	3.0%	2.8% ((Line 10 - Prior Year Line 10) / Prior Year Line 11
14	Total Bill Impact		5.2%	8.5%	5.8%	5.8%	4.7%	4.5%	(Line 11 / Prior Year Line 11) - 1

4. RNG Charges

FEI is approved to set the RNG Charge for T-Service customers at the forecast weighted average acquisition cost of RNG, and the RNG Charge for Voluntary NGV Sales-Service customers at the forecast weighted average acquisition cost of RNG less the S&T RNG Rider.

FEI has forecast the 2025 average acquisition cost of RNG to be \$23.647 per GJ. The forecast weighted average cost of RNG supply is based on the 2025 forecast cost of acquiring RNG from third-party producers, the cost to produce RNG with FEI's owned RNG production assets, and the cost of interconnections associated with in-BC RNG supply, all divided by the forecast RNG supply.⁶

Therefore, for T-Service customers acquiring RNG from FEI through rate schedules 11RNG and 46 T-Service, the RNG Charge will be set to \$23.647 per GJ. For NGV Sales-Service customers acquiring RNG from FEI through rate schedules 3VRNG, 5VRNG and 46 NGV Sales-Service, the RNG Charge will be set to \$23.346 per GJ.⁷

FEI is also approved to set the RNG Charge for non-NGV Voluntary customers at a \$7 per GJ premium above the conventional gas cost which is defined as the sum of the commodity cost recovery charge, the Carbon Tax and any other taxes applicable to conventional natural gas sales.

Table 6 below sets out the components and total for the non-NGV Voluntary RNG Charge commencing January 1, 2025, with a forecast to 2030 of the various RNG charges. FEI will update this charge quarterly with changes in the Commodity Cost Recovery Account (CCRA) and Carbon Tax.

⁶ Please refer to Confidential Appendix B for the calculation of the forecast average acquisition cost of RNG.

The BCUC approved that the RNG Charge for NGV Sales-Service customers be equal to the average acquisition cost of RNG less the S&T RNG Rider (\$23.346 = \$23.647 - \$0.301).



Table 6: Non-NGV Voluntary RNG Charge

Year	Quarter	S&T RNG Rider	RNG Charge for Non-NGV Customers	RNG Charge T-Service Customers	RNG Charge for NGV Sales- Service Customers
Year	Quarter 1	Ridei	13.216	Customers	Customers
	2	0.301	13.210	23.647	
2025	3		13.963		23.346
	4		13.963		
	1		15.161		
	2	1.079	15.909		
2026	3		15.909	23.291	
	4		15.909		
	1	1.554	15.951		22.433
	2		16.680	23.986	
2027	3		16.680		
	4		16.680		
	1	2.101	16.594		22.548
2020	2		17.324	24.640	
2028	3		17.324	24.649	
	4		17.324		
	1		17.324		22.906
2029	2	2.441	18.054	25.347	
2029	3	2.441	18.054	25.547	
	4		18.054		
	1		18.054		23.171
2030	2	2.817	18.784	25.988	
2030	3	2.017	18.784	25.566	
	4		18.784		

Request for Confidentiality

FEI is requesting that the information contained in Appendix B be filed on a confidential basis and held confidential by the BCUC in perpetuity, pursuant to Section 18 of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure regarding confidential documents as set out in Order G-296-24, and Section 71(5) of the *Utilities Commission Act*. The filing contains confidential and commercially sensitive information related to FEI's renewable gas supply acquisition volume and price. FEI procures its gas supply resources in a competitive market and it is customary for competing parties to keep their gas supply portfolio strategies and contracts confidential to protect market sensitive information. Keeping the information confidential will ensure FEI continues to be able to negotiate and obtain favourable commercial terms for future contracting requirements within the competitive environment it operates in. If FEI's gas supply purchasing prices are disclosed



publicly, this could prejudice or influence future negotiations of contracts between FEI and suppliers or counterparties, which could result in higher costs for customers. FEI is unable to foresee a time when its gas supply resourcing strategies may no longer be commercially sensitive or when its confidentiality obligations to third parties may end and, therefore, FEI requests that the information remain confidential in perpetuity.

Conclusion

FEI is therefore seeking approval of the following, effective January 1, 2025:

- An RNG Blend percent of 2 percent, resulting in an RNG volume of 3,383 TJ that FEI plans to deliver through the RNG Blend, commencing January 1, 2025.
- To deliver, on a forecast basis, 2,013 TJ of RNG to Voluntary RNG customers from January 1 to December 31, 2025.
- An S&T RNG Rider (Rider 8) equal to \$0.301 per GJ.
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 - o Rate Schedule 46 for NGV equal to \$23.346 per GJ; and
 - Rate Schedule 46 for non-NGV equal to \$13.216 per GJ.

A draft form of order sought is provided in Appendix A.

As noted above, if the BCUC is unable to issue its decision on this Application by December 6, 2024, then FEI requests approval of the RNG Blend volume, the S&T RNG Rider and the RNG Charges on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2025, pending the BCUC's final determination.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

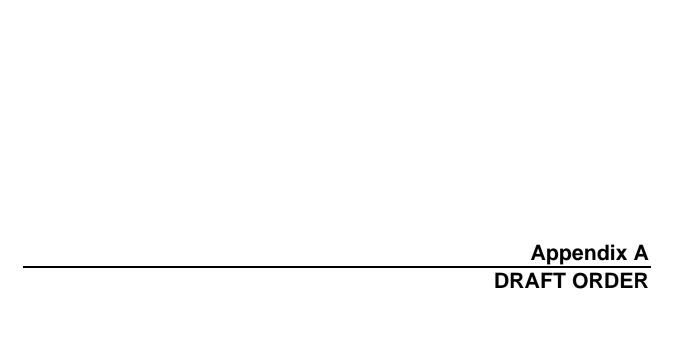
Sincerely,

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

Original signed:

Sarah Walsh

Attachments





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ORDER NUMBER G-xx-xx

IN THE MATTER OF the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

Application for Approval to Set the RNG Blend Percent, Storage & Transportation RNG Rider, and RNG Charges, Effective January 1, 2025

BEFORE:

[Panel Chair] Commissioner Commissioner

on Date

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By Decision and Order G-77-24 dated March 20, 2024 (Decision), the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) directed FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) to set the Storage & Transportation (S&T) RNG Rider and RNG Charge annually. In the Decision, the BCUC directed FEI in these future applications to also apply to the BCUC for approval of the RNG volumes FEI plans to deliver through the RNG Blend and Voluntary RNG services;
- B. By Order G-242-24 dated September 11, 2024, the BCUC approved, among other things, FEI's application to set the RNG Blend percent, S&T RNG Rider, and RNG Charges, effective July 1, 2024, and directed FEI to include as part of future applications to set the S&T RNG Rider, annual forecast information pertaining to the RNG Blend service for a minimum of five years following the effective date of the S&T RNG Rider, with consideration given to whether a rate smoothing mechanism may be appropriate for the S&T RNG Rider in light of the forecast information;
- C. On November 19, 2024, in accordance with Orders G-77-24 and G-242-24, FEI filed its Application for Approval to set the RNG Blend Percent, S&T RNG Rider, and RNG Charges effective January 1, 2025 (Application);
- D. In the Application, FEI seeks approval of the following:
 - 1. To set the RNG Blend to 2 percent, resulting in an RNG volume of 3,383 terajoules (TJ), commencing January 1, 2025;

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- To deliver, on a forecast basis, 2,013 TJ of RNG to Voluntary RNG customers from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;
- 3. To set the S&T RNG Rider (Rider 8) equal to \$0.301 per GJ;
- 4. To set the RNG Charge as set out below:
 - i. Rate Schedules (RS) 1RNG, 2RNG, 3RNG, 5RNG, and 7RNG equal to \$13.216 per GJ;
 - ii. RS 3VRNG and 5VRNG equal to \$23.346 per GJ;
 - iii. RS 11RNG equal to \$23.647 per GJ;
 - iv. RS 46 for Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV) equal to \$23.346 per GJ; and
 - v. RS 46 for non-NGV equal to \$13.216 per GJ; and
- E. The BCUC has reviewed the Application and determines that the following approvals are warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. The RNG Blend percent at 2 percent, resulting in an RNG volume of 3,383 TJ that FEI plans to deliver through the RNG Blend, effective January 1, 2025, is approved.
- 2. FEI is approved to deliver, on a forecast basis, 2,013 TJ of RNG to Voluntary RNG customers from January 1 to December 31, 2025.
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 - a. Rate Schedules 1RNG, 2RNG, 3RNG, 5RNG, and 7RNG equal to \$13.216 per GJ;
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 - d. Rate Schedule 46 for NGV equal to \$23.346 per GJ; and
 - e. Rate Schedule 46 for non-NGV equal to \$13.216 per GJ.
- 5. FEI is to file with the BCUC, on or before December 20, 2024, amended tariff pages in conjunction with other rate changes effective January 1, 2025 approved by the BCUC, in accordance with the terms of this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this (XX) day of (Month Year).

BY ORDER

(X. X. last name)

Commissioner

