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British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC
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Attention: Ms. Marija Tresoglavic, Acting Commission Secretary

Dear Ms. Tresoglavic:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) and FortisBC Inc. (FBC (collectively FortisBC or the Companies))

Multi-Year Rate Plan for 2020 through 2024 (MRP Plan) approved by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or the Commission) Decision and Orders G-165-20 for FEI and G-166-20 for FBC

Proposed Process and Timetables for FEI and FBC Annual Reviews for 2020 and 2021 Rates

The Companies file this submission in compliance with BCUC Orders G-86-15 and G-107-15, which stated the following:

...the Panel sets out the following guidelines as the default template for future annual reviews.

- Intervener and Interested Party Registration;
- Commission and Intervener Information Requests No. 1;
- Applicant Responses to Commission and Intervener Information Requests No. 1;
- Workshop following IR1 responses which may include Commission panel participation in a format to be determined at each annual review proceeding;
- Applicant Responses to Undertakings from Workshop;
- Intervener Written Submissions; and
- Applicant Written Reply Submissions.

With the filing of this submission, the Companies are proposing a process and timetable for the FEI and FBC Annual Reviews for 2020 and 2021 Rates as set out below, with the objective of allowing the BCUC to issue decisions in time for permanent rates to be effective for January 1, 2021. A draft form of procedural order is attached for each company.

Action	FEI Dates (2020)	FBC Dates (2020)
Annual Review for 2020 and 2021 Rates Filings on or before	Wednesday, August 12	Wednesday, August 19
Intervener Registration	Wednesday, August 19	Wednesday, August 26
BCUC and Intervener Information Requests (IRs) No. 1	Wednesday, September 2	Wednesday, September 9
Companies' Responses to IRs No. 1	Thursday, September 24	Thursday, October 1
Workshop	Thursday, October 8	Thursday, October 15
Companies' Responses to Workshop Undertakings (if any)	Tuesday, October 20	Tuesday, October 27
Intervener Written Submissions	Tuesday, November 3	Tuesday, November 10
Companies' Written Reply Submissions	Tuesday, November 10	Tuesday, November 17
Anticipated Decision	Tuesday, December 8	Tuesday, December 15

Prior to the Workshops, the Companies intend to circulate draft agendas, which will include any issues identified through the information request process.

FortisBC requests that the BCUC issue the procedural orders setting out the regulatory timetables as soon as possible to allow ample time for parties planning to participate.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

on behalf of FORTISBC

Original signed:

Doug Slater

Attachments

cc (email only): Registered Parties in the FEI-FBC Multi-Year Rate Plan for 2020 through 2024 proceeding



ORDER NUMBER

G-xx-xx

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Annual Review for 2020 and 2021 Delivery Rates

BEFORE:

[Panel Chair]
Commissioner
Commissioner

on **Date**

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 22, 2020, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) issued its Decision and Orders G-165-20 for FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) and G-166-20 for FortisBC Inc. (FBC) approving a Multi-Year Rate Plan for 2020 through 2024 (MRP Decision). In accordance with the MRP Decision, FEI is to conduct an annual review process to set delivery rates for each year;
- A. On May 27, 2015, the BCUC issued its Decision and Order G-86-15 in the FEI Annual Review of 2015 Delivery Rates, setting out, among other things, the default regulatory timetable template for future Annual Reviews to include:
- Intervener and Interested Party Registration;
 - BCUC and Intervener Information Requests No. 1;
 - FEI Response to Commission and Intervener Information Request No. 1;
 - A workshop which includes Commission panel participation. The format of the workshop, including who facilitates it, will be determined at each annual review proceeding;
 - FEI Response to Undertakings from Workshop;
 - Intervener Written Submissions; and
 - FEI Written Reply Submissions;
- B. By letter dated July 20, 2020, FEI proposed a regulatory timetable for its annual review for 2020 and 2021 delivery rates; and
- C. The BCUC has reviewed FEI's proposal and considers that establishment of a regulatory timetable for the annual review for FEI's 2020 and 2021 delivery rates is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The Regulatory Timetable for the annual review for FortisBC Energy Inc.'s 2020 and 2021 delivery rates is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. A Workshop to review FortisBC Energy Inc.'s 2019 performance results and the 2020 and 2021 revenue requirements will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2020, commencing at 9am.
3. Interveners are to register with the BCUC by completing a Request to Intervene form, available on the BCUC website, by the date established in the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order, and in accordance with the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached to Order G-15-19.

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

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Annual Review for 2020 and 2021 Delivery Rates

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2020)
FEI filing of Annual Review for 2020 and 2021 Delivery Rates on or before	Wednesday, August 12
Registration of Interveners	Wednesday, August 19
BCUC and Intervener Information Request (IR) No. 1	Wednesday, September 2
FEI Responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, September 24
Workshop	Thursday, October 8
FEI Responses to workshop undertakings (if any)	Tuesday, October 20
Intervener written final argument	Tuesday, November 3
FEI written reply argument	Tuesday, November 10



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WHEREAS:

- A. On June 22, 2020, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) issued its Decision and Orders G-165-20 for FortisBC Energy Inc. and G-166-20 for FortisBC Inc. (FBC) approving a Multi-Year Rate Plan for 2020 through 2024 (MRP Decision). In accordance with the MRP Decision, FBC is to conduct an annual review process to set rates for each year;
- A. On June 23, 2015, the BCUC issued its Decision and Order G-107-15 in the FBC Annual Review of 2015 Rates, setting out, among other things, the default regulatory timetable template for future Annual Reviews to include:
- Intervener and interested party registration;
 - One round of BCUC and intervener information requests;
 - A workshop following IR1 responses which may include BCUC panel participation in a format to be determined at each annual review proceeding;
 - Applicant response to undertakings from the workshop;
 - Intervener written submissions; and
 - Applicant written reply submissions;
- B. By letter dated July 20, 2020, FBC proposed a regulatory timetable for its annual review for 2020 and 2021 rates; and
- C. The BCUC has reviewed FBC's proposal and considers that establishment of a regulatory timetable for the annual review for FBC's 2020 and 2021 rates is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The Regulatory Timetable for the annual review for FortisBC Inc.'s 2020 and 2021 rates is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. A Workshop to review FortisBC Inc.'s 2019 performance results and the 2020 and 2021 revenue requirements will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020, commencing at 9am.
3. Interveners are to register with the BCUC by completing a Request to Intervene form, available on the BCUC website, by the date established in the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order, and in accordance with the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached to Order G-15-19.

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

FortisBC Inc.
Annual Review for 2020 and 2021 Rates

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2020)
FBC filing of Annual Review for 2020 Permanent Rates and 2021 Delivery Rates on or before	Wednesday, August 19
Registration of Interveners	Wednesday, August 26
BCUC and Intervener Information Request (IR) No. 1	Wednesday, September 9
FBC Responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, October 1
Workshop	Thursday, October 15
FBC Responses to workshop undertakings (if any)	Tuesday, October 27
Intervener written final argument	Tuesday, November 10
FBC written reply argument	Tuesday, November 17