



**ORDER NUMBER
G-122-26**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
2026 Review of Mains Extension and Connection Policies

BEFORE:

M. Jaccard, Panel Chair
E. A. Brown, Commissioner
T. A. Loski Commissioner

on June 1, 2026

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 15, 2026, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) an application (Application) pursuant to sections 28, 29, 30 and 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, seeking approval of amendments to its Main Extension (MX) Test, Service Line Cost Allowance (SLCA) and System Extension Fund (SEF) (collectively, MX and Connection Policies), in accordance with Letter L-11-25, as modified by Letter L-24-25;
- B. On September 16, 2016, by Order G-147-16, the BCUC approved changes to FEI's mains extension test, customer connection policies, and related reporting requirements. The BCUC also approved a SEF pilot to provide funding to offset a maximum of 50 percent of the Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC) for prospective residential customers, capped at \$1 million per year in aggregate;
- C. On December 18, 2020, by Order G-338-20, the BCUC approved the SEF on a permanent basis, including an amendment to the system extension fund to offset a maximum of 95 percent of the CIAC for prospective residential customers;
- D. In the Application, FEI proposes the following amendments to its MX and Connection Policies, effective the first of the month following a BCUC decision on the Application:
 1. Continue using the MX Test with the following changes:
 - a. Lower the required Profitability Index (PI) threshold for individual main extensions from 0.8 to 0.6; and
 - b. Update the sliding scale overhead rate;

2. Continue determining the SLCA as previously approved with the following changes:
 - a. Eliminate the final step in the SLCA calculation method; and
 - b. Lower the PI threshold from 1.0 to 0.8 when calculating the SLCA;
 3. Expand the SEF eligibility to include small commercial customers without increasing the overall SEF funding envelope.
- E. FEI also proposes to file an updated Rate Impact Assessment within 7 years of the BCUC's decision on the Application; and
- F. The BCUC determines that the establishment of a public hearing process and a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A public hearing process is established for the review of the Application as set out in the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order.
2. As soon as is practicable, but no later than Monday, June 8, 2026, FEI is directed to:
 - a. Provide notice of the Application and this order on its website;
 - b. Provide a copy of the Application and this order, electronically where possible, to the list of stakeholders from Table 8-1 of the Application, the Indigenous Nations listed in Section 8.2.3.2 of the Application, and local chambers of commerce and regional districts listed in Section 8.2.3.3 of the Application; and
 - c. Provide notice of the Application and this order, or post the Public Notice attached as Appendix B to this order, on its existing social media platforms. Reminder posts must be published on each platform every week until the conclusion of the intervener registration period on Monday, June 22, 2026.
3. FEI is directed to provide to the BCUC:
 - a. By Monday, June 15, 2026, written confirmation of compliance with the notice requirements in Directive 2 of this order, except for the social media reminder posts, including a list of social media platforms on which the notice was published, as well as a list of all parties notified; and
 - b. By Wednesday June 24, 2026, written confirmation of compliance with the notice requirement in Directive 2 of this order regarding social media reminder posts.

4. In accordance with the BCUC Rules of Practice and Procedure, parties who wish to actively participate in this proceeding must submit a Request to Intervene Form, available on the BCUC's website at <https://www.bcuc.com/forms/RequestToIntervene> by Monday, June 22, 2026. Parties are asked to indicate on their Request to Intervene form whether they intend to submit intervenor evidence in the proceeding.
5. In accordance with the BCUC Rules of Practice and Procedure, any party wishing to comment on the Application is invited to submit a Letter of Comment by the date established in the regulatory timetable. Letters of comment must be submitted by completing the [Letter of Comment Form](https://www.bcuc.com/Forms/LetterOfComment) available on the BCUC's website at <https://www.bcuc.com/Forms/LetterOfComment>.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 1st day of June 2026.

BY ORDER

Electronically signed by Mark Jaccard

M. Jaccard
Commissioner

Attachment

FortisBC Energy Inc.
2026 Main Extensions and Connection Policies Review

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2026)
FEI provides notice of Application	Monday, June 8
FEI confirmation of compliance with public notice requirements	Monday, June 15
Intervener registration deadline	Monday, June 22
FEI confirmation of compliance with social media reminder posts	Wednesday, June 24
BCUC decision on intervener registrations	Monday June 29
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1	Thursday, July 23
Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, July 30
FEI responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, August 27
Deadline for submitting letters of comment	Thursday, September 10
FEI final argument	Thursday, September 24
Intervener final arguments	Tuesday, October 13
FEI reply argument	Thursday, October 29



We want to hear from you

FortisBC Energy Inc. 2026 Main Extensions and Connection Policies Review

On May 15, 2026, FortisBC Energy Inc. filed a Main Extensions and Connection Policies Review application requesting British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) approval of adjustments to the terms and conditions, extension policies and parts of FEI's tariff governing customer connections.

To participate in the proceeding, please see the options below or visit www.bcuc.com/get-involved for more information.

GET INVOLVED

- [Request intervener status](#)
- [Submit a letter of comment](#)
- [Subscribe to the proceeding](#)
to receive email notifications when public documents are posted to the proceeding page

IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Monday, June 22, 2026**
Deadline to request intervener status
2. **Thursday, September 10, 2026**
Deadline to submit a letter of comment

Please visit the [proceeding page](#) on bcuc.com under "Our Work" to learn more.

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