



ORDER NUMBER
G-13-23

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Application for Approval of a Five-Year Extension to the
Transportation Service Agreement between FortisBC Energy Inc.
and the Vancouver Island Gas Joint Venture

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on January 24, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 24, 2022, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, for approval of a five-year extension to the Transportation Service Agreement (TSA) between FEI and the Vancouver Island Gas Joint Venture (VIGJV) effective from November 1, 2022 to November 1, 2027, with all other terms to the TSA remaining unchanged (Application);
- B. FEI's original TSA with VIGJV was approved in accordance with Order in Council (OIC) No. 1510, dated December 13, 1995;
- C. The original TSA was later amended and extended through Order G-113-04, in accordance with OIC No. 1224, dated December 11, 2004, and included a clause that allowed the parties to extend the renewal period of the TSA for a five year term to 8:00 a.m. PST on January 1, 2018;
- D. By Letter Agreement dated September 20, 2011, parties mutually agreed to extend the TSA renewal period to 8:00 a.m. PST on January 1, 2018;
- E. By Letter Agreement dated December 15, 2017, parties mutually agreed to further extend the renewal period of the TSA to 0800 PST on November 1, 2022, which was approved by the BCUC by Order G-6-18;
- F. By Order G-308-22 dated October 28, 2022, the BCUC approved FEI's requested five-year extension to the TSA on an interim basis, effective November 1, 2022, subject to any further determinations made by the BCUC;
- G. By Order G-328-22, dated November 18, 2022, the BCUC established a public proceeding and regulatory timetable for review of the Application, which included stakeholder notification, one round of BCUC information requests (IR No. 1), and a letters of comment period;

- H. On December 7, 2022, the BCUC issued IR No. 1 to FEI. FEI responded to BCUC IR No. 1 on December 21, 2022;
- I. The BCUC did not receive any letters of comment; and
- J. The BCUC has reviewed the Application and evidence filed in the proceeding and considers that approval of the five-year extension of the TSA between FEI and VIGJV is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The five-year extension of the TSA between FEI and the VIGJV is approved, effective November 1, 2022.
2. FEI is directed to file the executed letter agreement where both parties agreed to extending the TSA from November 1, 2022 to November 1, 2027 with the BCUC as part of the VIGJV tariff supplement within 30 days of the date of this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of January 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner