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ORDER NUMBER
G-178-26

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
2027 Annual Review of Delivery Rates

BEFORE:
T. A. Loski, Panel Chair
E. A. Brown, Commissioner
W. E. Royle, Commissioner

on August 19, 2026

ORDER

WHEREAS:

A. On March 18, 2025, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) issued Order G-69-25 for FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) and Order G-70-25 for FortisBC Inc. approving a Rate Setting Framework (Rate Framework) for 2025 through 2027 (Rate Framework Decision). In accordance with the Rate Framework Decision, FEI is to conduct an annual review process to set delivery rates for each year (Annual Review);

B. By Order G-150-26 dated July 14, 2026, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the FEI 2027 Annual Review of Delivery Rates which includes FEI filing its application, intervener registration, one round of BCUC and intervener information requests (IRs), a letter of comment period, and final and reply arguments;

C. On July 24, 2026, FEI filed its application for the 2027 Annual Review of Delivery Rates (Application), in which it seeks approval to increase its delivery rates by 3.43 percent, effective January 1, 2027, among other matters;

D. By August 5, 2026, the following parties filed requests to intervene:

- BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA);
- Movement of United Professionals (MoveUP);
- Commercial Energy Consumers Association of BC (the CEC);
- Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA); and
- Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, Active Support Against Poverty, Disability Alliance BC, Tenants Resource and Advisory Centre, and Together Against Poverty Society (COSCO); and

E. The BCUC has reviewed the requests to intervene and finds that the following determinations are warranted.

NOW THEREFORE for the reasons outlined in the decision accompanying this order, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The following parties are accepted as interveners: BCSEA, MoveUP, the CEC, RCIA and COSCO.

2. The scope of this proceeding is limited to the Application and its contents. Components of the Rate Framework approved by the BCUC in the Rate Framework Decision are out of scope for this proceeding.

3. Interveners are limited to a maximum of 15 questions each, including sub-questions, for Intervener IR No. 1 to FEI.

4. Participant Cost Awards are capped in this proceeding to a maximum amount of $10,000 for each intervener.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19th day of August 2026.

BY ORDER

Electronically signed by Tom Loski

T. A. Loski
Commissioner

FortisBC Energy Inc.
2027 Annual Review of Delivery Rates

DECISION

1.0 Introduction

On March 18, 2025, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) approved a Rate Setting Framework (Rate Framework) for FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) and FortisBC Inc. covering a three-year period from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027 (Rate Framework Decision).[1] As per the Rate Framework Decision, an annual review process is required to set delivery rates for each year of the framework (Annual Review).

On July 14, 2026, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the FEI 2027 Annual Review of Delivery Rates which includes FEI filing its application, intervener registration in accordance with the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules),[2] one round of BCUC and intervener information requests (IRs), a letter of comment period, and final and reply arguments.[3]

On July 24, 2026, FEI filed its application for the 2027 Annual Review of Delivery Rates (Application), in which it seeks approval to increase its delivery rates by 3.43 percent, effective January 1, 2027, among other matters.

By August 5, 2026, the following parties filed requests to intervene:

- BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA);
- Movement of United Professionals (MoveUP);
- Commercial Energy Consumers Association of BC (the CEC);
- Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA); and
- Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, Active Support Against Poverty, Disability Alliance BC, Tenants Resource and Advisory Centre, and Together Against Poverty Society (COSCO).

Rule 9.04 states that persons requesting intervener status must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the BCUC that they are directly or sufficiently affected by the BCUC's decision.

Rule 37.02 states that the BCUC may establish a cap on all, or on part of, a cost award available in a proceeding to any or all participants.

In this decision, the Panel makes determinations on parties' requests for intervener status and provides details about the scoping of the review of the Application, as well as the maximum Participant Cost Award (PCA) amount available to each intervener in this proceeding.

[1] FortisBC Energy Inc. and FortisBC Inc. 2025 to 2027 Rate Setting Framework, Decision and Orders G-69-25 and G-70-25 dated March 18, 2025 (Rate Framework Decision).
[2] Order G-192-25 dated August 7, 2025.
[3] Order G-150-26 dated July 14, 2026.

2.0 Intervener Acceptance

The Panel accepts the following parties as interveners in this proceeding: BCSEA, MoveUP, the CEC, RCIA and COSCO.

The Panel is satisfied that each party has demonstrated that it is directly or sufficiently affected by the BCUC's decision in this proceeding. The Panel also notes that each of the parties have actively participated in past FEI Annual Review proceedings, as well as in the FEI Rate Framework proceeding.

3.0 Scope of the Proceeding

The Panel directs that the scope of the proceeding is limited to the Application and its contents.

The Annual Review process serves to test whether the approved components of the Rate Framework have been applied appropriately in establishing rates. In this regard, the Panel reiterates the BCUC's expectation, as noted in the Rate Framework Decision, that the Annual Reviews will not revisit the approved components of the Rate Framework.[4] Therefore, the Panel considers it appropriate to direct that matters that have been determined through the Rate Framework, including but not limited to, index-based components, forecast capital, and load forecasting methods, are not subject to re-adjudication in the FEI 2027 Annual Review of Delivery Rates and are outside the scope of this proceeding.

Further, to promote regulatory efficiency and to reflect the focused scope of the FEI 2027 Annual Review of Delivery Rates proceeding, **interveners are limited to a maximum of 15 questions, including sub-questions, for Intervener IR No. 1 to FEI.** The Panel considers it appropriate to continue the streamlined approach adopted in the FEI 2025 and 2026 Annual Review of Delivery Rates proceeding, which included limiting the number of intervener IRs and establishing a defined scope for the proceeding. The Panel finds that in the current proceeding, this approach adequately balances regulatory efficiency while providing interveners with sufficient opportunity to test the evidence on the matters within scope.

4.0 Maximum PCA Amounts

Pursuant to Rule 37.02, the Panel directs that Participant Cost Awards are capped in this proceeding to a maximum amount of $10,000 for each intervener.

The Panel considers a maximum PCA amount of $10,000 for each intervener adequately reflects the degree of intervener participation that the Panel expects in this proceeding. The PCA cap is also consistent with the limited scope of this proceeding, including one round of intervener IRs to FEI and final argument, and the limit the Panel has placed on the number of questions in Intervener IR No. 1.

The Panel clarifies that interveners are not guaranteed a PCA amount equal to the established cap. Final PCA amounts will be awarded based on the merits of each individual PCA application, assessed in accordance with Part VI of the Rules.

[4] Rate Framework Decision, p. 73.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19th day of August 2026.

Electronically signed by Tom Loski

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T. A. Loski
Panel Chair/Commissioner

Electronically signed by Elizabeth A. (Lisa) Brown

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E. A. Brown
Commissioner

Electronically signed by Wendy Royle

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W. E. Royle
Commissioner