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FEI – SYSTEM EXTENSION APPLICATION
EXHIBIT A-2

Mr. Doug Slater
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**Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. – Application for Approval of the System Extension Fund on a Permanent Basis –
Regulatory Timetable**

Dear Mr. Slater:

Further to your June 29, 2020 filing of the above-noted application, enclosed please find British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-198-20 establishing a regulatory timetable.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Marija Tresoglavic
Acting Commission Secretary

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Enclosure



**ORDER NUMBER
G-198-20**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Application for Approval of the System Extension Fund on a Permanent Basis

BEFORE:

K. A. Keilty, Panel Chair
M. Kresivo, QC, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on July 22, 2020

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 29, 2020, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of the System Extension Fund (SEF) on a permanent basis, pursuant to sections 29, 30 and 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, effective January 1, 2021, including an amendment to the SEF funding rules (Application);
- B. By Order G-147-16 and accompanying decision to FEI's 2015 System Extension Application, FEI established the SEF pilot program, providing funding of a maximum of 50 percent of the Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC) for prospective new residential customers, from January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2020;
- C. In the Application, FEI proposes to amend the funding rules for the SEF framework to increase the SEF funding from a maximum of 50 percent to a maximum of 95 percent of the CIAC for prospective new residential customers. FEI proposes that all other aspects of the SEF framework and funding rules as a permanent program remain the same as the SEF pilot program;
- D. The Panel has reviewed the Application and considers a public hearing 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 in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. FEI shall provide an electronic copy of the Application and this order by no later than August 14, 2020 to all parties who participated in the 2015 FEI System Extension Application proceeding.
3. FEI must publish notice of this Application on its website and social media platforms, on or before August 14, 2020. FEI must also publish weekly reminder notices on each platform until the conclusion of the intervener registration period on August 27, 2020.
4. Parties who wish to participate in the regulatory proceeding as interveners are to register with the BCUC by completing a [Request to Intervene Form](#), available on the BCUC's website under Get Involved, by August 27, 2020, as 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 22nd day of July 2020.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

K. A. Keilty
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2020)
FEI to provide Public Notice	Friday, August 14
Intervener registration deadline	Thursday, August 27
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1	Thursday, August 27
Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, September 10
FEI response to BCUC and Intervener IRs No. 1	Thursday, September 24
FEI Final Argument	Thursday, October 8
Intervener Final Argument	Thursday, October 15
FEI Reply Argument	Thursday, October 22