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**Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. – Application for Approval of an Operating Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Trail and FortisBC Energy Inc. – Final Order**

Dear Mr. Slater:

Further to your December 6, 2019 filings of the above-noted application, please find enclosed British Columbia Utilities Commission Final Order G-25-20.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

Patrick Wruck  
Commission Secretary

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Enclosure



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-25-20**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.  
Application for Approval of an Operating Agreement  
Between the Corporation of the City of Trail and FortisBC Energy Inc.

**BEFORE:**

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair  
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on February 24, 2020

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On December 6, 2019, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of an operating agreement dated November 25, 2019, entered into between the Corporation of the City of Trail (Trail) and FEI (the FEI-Trail Operating Agreement or Application);
- B. FEI, through its predecessor company BC Gas Utility Ltd., and Trail entered into a franchise agreement dated May 3, 1999, approved by Order C-9-99, which expired January 20, 2020;
- C. By Order G-4-20, the BCUC granted interim approval of the FEI-Trail Operating Agreement, pending a final determination by the BCUC on the Application. Order G-4-20 also established a public hearing process for the review of the Application, which included public notice, intervener registration and a deadline for letters of comment. No requests to intervene or letters of comment were received by the BCUC; and
- D. The Panel has reviewed the Application and considers the following determination is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 23(1)(g) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders that the FEI-Trail Operating Agreement, dated November 25, 2019 between FEI and Trail, be approved on a permanent basis.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

R. I. Mason  
Commissioner