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# ORDER NUMBER G-285-25

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

2025 Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report for the Mainland and Vancouver Island, and the Fort Nelson Service Areas, effective January 1, 2026

#### **BEFORE:**

E. A. Brown, Commissioner B. A. Magnan, Commissioner R. E. Murphy, Commissioner W. E. Royle, Commissioner

on December 4, 2025

## **ORDER**

### WHEREAS:

- A. On November 19, 2025, FEI filed its 2025 Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report (Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report) regarding the following:
  - i. the Commodity Cost Reconciliation Account (CCRA),
  - ii. the Midstream Cost Reconciliation Account (MCRA), and
  - iii. review of the Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Charge for Voluntary RNG Service to Non-Natural Gas Vehicle (non-NGV) sales customers for the Mainland and Vancouver Island, and the Fort Nelson Service Areas based on the five-day average of November 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2025 forward gas prices;
- B. The British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established guidelines for gas cost rate setting in Letter L-5-01 dated February 5, 2001, then modified the guidelines in Letter L-40-11 dated May 19, 2011, and L-15-16 dated June 17, 2016 (together the Guidelines);
- C. By Order G-244-23 dated September 14, 2023, the BCUC approved the current Commodity Cost Recovery Charge (CCRC) for the Mainland and Vancouver Island, and the Fort Nelson Service Areas at \$2.230 per gigajoule (GJ) effective October 1, 2023;
- D. By Order G-88-25 dated April 3, 2025, the BCUC established the current midstream-related charges for the Mainland and Vancouver Island, and the Fort Nelson Service Areas, on a permanent basis effective January 1, 2025;

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- E. By Order G-88-25 dated April 3, 2025, the BCUC approved the RNG Charge for Voluntary RNG service for non-NGV Sales customers applicable to Rate Schedules 1RNG, 2RNG, 3RNG, 5RNG, 7RNG, and 46 at \$9.230 per GJ, on a permanent basis effective April 1, 2025;
- F. In the Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report, FEI seeks approval of the following, effective January 1, 2026:
  - to maintain the CCRC at the current rate of \$2.230 per GJ;
  - to set the Storage and Transport Charges, as set out in Appendix A of this Order;
  - to set MCRA Rate Rider 6 as set out in Appendix A of this Order; and
  - to maintain the RNG Charge for Voluntary RNG service to non-NGV Sales customers at the current rate of \$9.230 per GJ;
- G. FEI submits that the combined effects of the proposed delivery rates and delivery rate riders, and the rate requests within the 2025 Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report would result in the following estimated bill impacts:
  - i. increase the total annual bill for a typical Mainland and Vancouver Island residential customer with an average annual consumption of 90 GJ by approximately \$131 or 11.1 percent; and
  - ii. increase the total annual bill for a typical Fort Nelson residential customer with an average consumption of 125 GJ by approximately \$158 or 11.5 percent;
- H. FEI requests that Tabs 4 and 5 of the Fourth Quarter Gas Report be kept confidential as they contain market-sensitive information; and
- I. The BCUC has reviewed the Fourth Quarter Gas Report and considers that the following determinations are warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. The CCRC applicable to the Sales Rate Classes and Rate Schedule 46 Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Service within the Mainland and Vancouver Island, and the Fort Nelson Service Areas is approved to remain unchanged at \$2.230 per GJ, effective January 1, 2026.
- 2. The Storage and Transport Charges applicable to the Sales Rate Classes and Rate Schedule 46 LNG Service within the Mainland and Vancouver Island, and the Fort Nelson Service Areas, are approved effective January 1, 2026, as set out in Appendix A of this order.
- 3. The MCRA Rate Rider 6 applicable to the Sales Rate Classes and Rate Schedule 46 LNG Service within the Mainland and Vancouver Island, and the Fort Nelson Service Areas, is approved effective January 1, 2026, as set out in Appendix A of this order.
- 4. The RNG Charge for Voluntary RNG service to non-NGV Sales customers 1RNG, 2RNG, 3RNG, 5RNG, 7RNG, and 46, is approved to remain unchanged at \$9.230 per GJ, effective January 1, 2026.
- 5. FEI is directed to notify all customers who are affected by the rate changes resulting from this order with a bill insert or bill message to be included with the next monthly gas billing.

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- 6. Tab 4 and Tab 5 of the Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report will be held confidential unless the BCUC determines otherwise.
- 7. FEI is directed to file with the BCUC, on or before December 15, 2025, amended tariff pages reflecting the rates approved in accordance with the terms of this order and in conjunction with any other rate changes approved by the BCUC, effective January 1, 2026.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

BY ORDER

Electronically signed by Wendy Royle

W. E. Royle Commissioner

Attachment

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# FortisBC Energy Inc. 2025 Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report for the Mainland and Vancouver, and the Fort Nelson Service Areas, effective January 1, 2026

|                                      | FEFN             |         |    |              |    |                  | 20000 | FEFN         | R  | s3/ 3U/         | FEFN |                      | 5  | easonal | General<br>Firm Service |                     | NGV |                           |    |                      |    | General<br>erruptible | 9  | LNG<br>Service |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------|----|--------------|----|------------------|-------|--------------|----|-----------------|------|----------------------|----|---------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----|---------------------------|----|----------------------|----|-----------------------|----|----------------|
|                                      | RS1/ 1U/<br>1RNG |         |    | RS1/<br>1RNG |    | RS2/ 2U/<br>2RNG |       | RS2I<br>2RNG |    | 3RNG /<br>3VRNG |      | RS3/ 3RNG<br>/ 3VRNG |    | RS4     |                         | RS5/ 5RNG/<br>5VRNG |     | RS-6P Fueling<br>Stations |    | RS6/ RS6P-<br>Surrey |    | 57 / 7RNG             |    | RS46           |
| Storage and Transport Charges        |                  |         |    |              |    |                  |       |              |    |                 |      |                      |    |         |                         |                     |     |                           |    |                      |    |                       |    |                |
| Effective January 1, 2025            | \$               | 1.260   | \$ | 0.063        | \$ | 1.289            | \$    | 0.065        | \$ | 1.099           | \$   | 0.055                | \$ | 0.733   | \$                      | 0.733               | \$  | 0.733                     | \$ | 0.391                | \$ | 0.733                 | \$ | 0.733          |
| Flow-through changes                 |                  | 0.087   |    | 0.004        |    | 0.076            |       | 0.003        |    | 0.072           |      | 0.003                |    | 0.051   |                         | 0.051               |     | 0.051                     |    | 0.014                |    | 0.051                 |    | 0.051          |
| Proposed for January 1, 2026 (\$/GJ) | \$               | 1.347   | \$ | 0.067        | \$ | 1.365            | \$    | 0.068        | \$ | 1.171           | \$   | 0.058                | \$ | 0.784   | \$                      | 0.784               | \$  | 0.784                     | \$ | 0.405                | \$ | 0.784                 | \$ | 0.784          |
| MCRA Rate Rider 6                    |                  |         |    |              |    |                  |       |              |    |                 |      |                      |    |         |                         |                     |     |                           |    |                      |    |                       |    |                |
| Effective January 1, 2025            | \$               | (0.164) | \$ | (0.008)      | \$ | (0.168)          | \$    | (0.008)      | \$ | (0.143)         | \$   | (0.007)              | \$ | (0.095) | \$                      | (0.095)             | \$  | (0.095)                   | 1  | (0.051)              | \$ | (0.095)               | \$ | (0.095         |
| Flow-through changes                 |                  | 0.380   |    | 0.019        |    | 0.387            |       | 0.019        |    | 0.331           |      | 0.016                |    | 0.221   |                         | 0.221               |     | 0.221                     |    | 0.116                |    | 0.221                 |    | 0.221          |
| Proposed for January 1, 2026 (\$/GJ) | \$               | 0.216   | \$ | 0.011        | \$ | 0.219            | \$    | 0.011        | \$ | 0.188           | \$   | 0.009                | \$ | 0.126   | \$                      | 0.126               | \$  | 0.126                     | \$ | 0.065                | \$ | 0.126                 | \$ | 0.126          |