



**ORDER NUMBER
G-308-23**

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 Quesnel
(City of Quesnel) and FortisBC Energy Inc.

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Panel Chair

on November 14, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 29, 2023, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to section 23(1)(g) of the *Utilities Commission Act* for approval of an operating agreement, dated August 20, 2023, entered into between the City of Quesnel and FEI, effective January 1, 2024 (FEI-Quesnel Operating Agreement) (Application);
- B. By Order C-16-03, dated December 1, 2003, the BCUC approved the current operating agreement between FEI (through its predecessor company Terasen Gas Inc.) and the City of Quesnel. The term of the current operating agreement expires on December 31, 2023;
- C. By Order G-269-23, dated October 12, 2023, the BCUC established a public hearing process and a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which included public notice, intervener registration and letters of comment. The regulatory timetable established the deadline for intervener registration and letters of comment as November 7, 2023;
- D. By November 7, 2023, no intervener registration requests or letters of comment were received by the BCUC;
- E. By letter dated November 9, 2023, FEI submits that as no letters of comment have been filed, no further process is required and the Application should be approved on a permanent basis; and
- F. The BCUC has reviewed the Application and determines that approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 23(1)(g) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders that the FEI-Quesnel Operating Agreement is approved on a permanent basis, effective January 1, 2024.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of November 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner