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Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. – Application for Approval of an Operating Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Nelson and FortisBC Energy Inc. – Project No. 1599165 – Order G-45-21

Dear Ms. Roy:

Further to your December 9, 2020 filing of the above-noted application, enclosed please find British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-45-21.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary

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Enclosure



ORDER NUMBER
G-45-21

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 Nelson and FortisBC Energy Inc.

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair
W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on February 18, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 9, 2020, 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 December 4, 2020, entered into between the Corporation of the City of Nelson (City of Nelson) and FEI, effective March 1, 2021 (FEI-Nelson Operating Agreement) (Application);
- B. FEI, through its predecessor companies Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd. and Terasen Gas Inc., and the City of Nelson entered into a franchise agreement approved by BCUC Order C-16-80 dated June 12, 1980, and later a franchise amendment agreement approved by BCUC Order C-3-04, dated May 13, 2004. The franchise amendment agreement expires on February 28, 2021;
- C. By Order G-5-21, dated January 8, 2021, the BCUC established a public hearing process for the review of the Application, which included public notice and intervener registration and letters of comment by a deadline of February 11, 2021. No requests to intervene or letters of comment were received by the BCUC by the deadline; and
- D. 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-Nelson Operating Agreement is approved on a permanent basis, effective March 1, 2021.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 18th day of February 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner