



**ORDER NUMBER
G-95-19**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

Application for Approval of Tariff Changes to Rate Schedule 46 – Liquefied Natural Gas Sales, Dispensing and Transportation Service on a Permanent Basis, Effective April 1, 2019 and May 1, 2019

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on April 30, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 21, 2019, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) submitted an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) seeking approval, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), for tariff changes to Rate Schedule 46 (RS 46) on a permanent basis effective April 1, 2019 (March 2019 Application);
- B. By BCUC Order G-211-13 dated December 12, 2013, RS 46 was approved in accordance with Order in Council (OIC) 557, B.C. Regulation 245/2013, deposited November 28, 2013, issuing Direction No. 5 to the BCUC, as amended by OIC 749, B.C. Regulation 265/2014, and further amended by OIC 162, B.C. Regulation 115/2017;
- C. By Order G-233-18 dated December 7, 2018, the BCUC approved temporary tariff changes to Section 5.2 (Curtailed of Dispensing Service) and Section 5.4 (Title Transfer) of the RS 46 tariff, effective until March 31, 2019, as follows:
 - Amendments to Section 5.2 to provide relief to curtailed customers from their take or pay obligations to the extent that such customers are curtailed or use alternative fuel;
 - Amendments to Section 5.2(b) which allow customers to voluntarily agree to be curtailed in whole or in part; and
 - Amendments to Section 5.4 to accommodate transfer of title of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to ensure FEI is able to contract additional LNG supply from third parties;
- D. On April 17, 2019, FEI submitted a subsequent application with the BCUC seeking approval, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 and 89 of the UCA, for amendments to the RS 46 tariff on an interim and permanent basis effective May 1, 2019 (April 2019 Application), with respect to the following:

- Amendment to the structure of the commodity rate in RS 46 from a market-based index to the structure of the commodity-related charges applicable to all of FEI's other sales service customers that are served under bundled rate schedules;
- E. In the April 2019 Application, FEI sought approval of amendments to RS 46 General Terms and Conditions (GT&Cs) on a permanent basis, effective May 1, 2019 , with respect to the following:
- Amendments to RS 46 related to the calculation of the Biomethane rate for customers who elect Biomethane as part of their commodity option; and
 - Amendment to the GT&Cs to reflect the availability of Biomethane for RS46; and
- F. The BCUC has determined that in the interest of regulatory efficiency, a written hearing process is warranted for the review of both March 2019 and April 2019 Applications.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The establishment of a public written hearing process in accordance with the regulatory timetable, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. The proposed RS 46 rate in FEI's April 2019 Application is approved on an interim and refundable basis effective May 1, 2019.
3. FEI must provide notice of both March 2019 and April 2019 Applications and a copy of this order, electronically where possible, to all RS 46 customers by May 9, 2019.
4. Rate Schedule 46 customers are invited to submit letters of comment on the March 2019 and April 2019 Applications to the BCUC by the dates established in the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order. Letters of comment must be in the Letter of Comment Form available on the BCUC's website at <http://www.bcuc.com/forms/letter-of-comment.aspx>, and submitted by email to commission.secretary@bcuc.com or by mail, courier or personal delivery to the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Suite 410, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2N3.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th day of April 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
FEI notice to all Rate Schedule 46 customers	Thursday, May 9
BCUC Information Request (IR) No.1	Thursday, May 9
FEI responses to BCUC IR No.1	Thursday, May 16
Letters of Comment	Thursday, May 23
FEI responses to Letters of Comment	Thursday, May 30
Further process	To be determined