



**FORTISBC ENERGY INC.  
FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA**

**GAS TARIFF**

**STATING TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND RATE SCHEDULES FOR GAS SERVICE  
IN THE FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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## Definitions

For definitions, please refer to the FortisBC Energy General Terms and Conditions.

## General Terms and Conditions

For General Terms and Conditions of Service for the Fort Nelson Service Area, please refer to the FortisBC Energy General Terms and Conditions.

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**FORTISBC ENERGY INC.  
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**RATE SCHEDULE 1**

**RESIDENTIAL SERVICE**

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## Rate Schedule 1: Residential Service

### Available

This Rate Schedule is available to Customers in the Fort Nelson Service Area only.

### Applicable

This Rate Schedule is applicable to firm Gas supplied at one Premise for use in approved appliances for all residential applications in single-family residences, separately metered single-family townhouses, rowhouses, condominiums, duplexes and apartments and single metered apartment blocks with four or less apartments.

### Table of Charges

	<u>Fort Nelson Service Area</u>	
<b>Delivery Margin Related Charges</b>		
1. <b>Basic Charge</b> per Day	\$ 0.3701	
2. Delivery Charge per Gigajoule	\$ 4.296	
3. Rider 5 per Gigajoule	\$ (0.416)	
Subtotal of per Gigajoule <b>Delivery Margin Related Charges</b>	<b>\$ 3.880</b>	
 <b>Commodity Related Charges</b>		
4. Storage and Transport Charge per Gigajoule	\$ 0.081	
5. <b>Cost of Gas</b> (Commodity Cost Recovery Charge) per Gigajoule	<b>\$ 5.341</b>	A
Subtotal of per Gigajoule <b>Commodity Related Charges</b>	<b>\$ 5.422</b>	A

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**Delivery Margin Related Rider**

**Rider 5 Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Charge** - Applicable to Fort Nelson Service Area Customers for the Year ending December 31, 2022.

**Minimum Charge per Month**

The minimum charge per Month will be the sum of the Basic Charge per billing period.

**Permanent Rate Establishment**

Pursuant to British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-277-21, delivery rates and RSAM Rider 5 were set on an interim basis for consumption on and after January 1, 2022. Pursuant to British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-114-22, delivery rates and RSAM Rider 5 are approved as permanent and implemented for consumption on and after January 1, 2022.

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**RATE SCHEDULE 2**

**SMALL COMMERCIAL SERVICE**

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## Rate Schedule 2: Small Commercial Service

### Available

This Rate Schedule is available to Customers in the Fort Nelson Service Area only.

### Applicable

This Rate Schedule is applicable to Customers with a normalized annual consumption at one Premises of less than 2,000 Gigajoules of firm Gas, for use in approved appliances in commercial, institutional or small industrial operations.

### Table of Charges

	<u>Fort Nelson Service Area</u>	
<b>Delivery Margin Related Charges</b>		
1. <b>Basic Charge</b> per Day	\$ 1.2151	
2. Delivery Charge per Gigajoule	\$ 4.654	
3. Rider 5 per Gigajoule	\$ (0.416)	
 Subtotal of per Gigajoule <b>Delivery</b> Margin Related Charges	 \$ 4.238	
<b>Commodity Related Charges</b>		
4. Storage and Transport Charge per Gigajoule	\$ 0.083	
5. <b>Cost of Gas</b> (Commodity Cost Recovery Charge) per Gigajoule	\$ 5.341	A
 Subtotal of per Gigajoule <b>Commodity</b> Related Charges	 \$ 5.424	   A

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**Delivery Margin Related Rider**

**Rider 2** (Reserved for future use.)

**Rider 5** **Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Charge** - Applicable to Fort Nelson Service Area Customers for the Year ending December 31, 2022.

**Minimum Charge per Month**

The minimum charge per Month will be the sum of the Basic Charge per billing period.

**Permanent Rate Establishment**

Pursuant to British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-277-21, delivery rates and RSAM Rider 5 were set on an interim basis for consumption on and after January 1, 2022. Pursuant to British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-114-22, delivery rates and RSAM Rider 5 are approved as permanent and implemented for consumption on and after January 1, 2022.

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**RATE SCHEDULE 3**

**LARGE COMMERCIAL SERVICE**

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## Rate Schedule 3: Large Commercial Service

### Available

This Rate Schedule is available to Customers in the Fort Nelson Service Area only.

### Applicable

This Rate Schedule is applicable to Customers with a normalized annual consumption at one Premises of greater than 2,000 Gigajoules of firm Gas, for use in approved appliances in commercial, institutional or small industrial operations.

### Table of Charges

	<u>Fort Nelson Service Area</u>	
<b>Delivery Margin Related Charges</b>		
1. <b>Basic Charge</b> per Day	\$ 3.6845	
2. Delivery Charge per Gigajoule	\$ 3.970	
3. Rider 5 per Gigajoule	\$ (0.416)	
Subtotal of per Gigajoule <b>Delivery</b> Margin Related Charges	<b>\$ 3.554</b>	
 <b>Commodity Related Charges</b>		
4. Storage and Transport Charge per Gigajoule	\$ 0.071	
5. <b>Cost of Gas</b> (Commodity Cost Recovery Charge) per Gigajoule	<b>\$ 5.341</b>	A
Subtotal of per Gigajoule <b>Commodity</b> Related Charges	<b>\$ 5.412</b>	A

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**Delivery Margin Related Rider**

**Rider 5 Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Charge** - Applicable to Fort Nelson Service Area Customers for the Year ending December 31, 2022.

**Minimum Charge per Month**

The minimum charge per Month will be the sum of the Basic Charge per billing period.

**Permanent Rate Establishment**

Pursuant to British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-277-21, delivery rates and RSAM Rider 5 were set on an interim basis for consumption on and after January 1, 2022. Pursuant to British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-114-22, delivery rates and RSAM Rider 5 are approved as permanent and implemented for consumption on and after January 1, 2022.

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**RATE SCHEDULE 5**

**GENERAL FIRM SERVICE**

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## 1. Definitions

### 1.1 Definitions

Except where the context requires otherwise, all words and phrases defined below or in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy and used in this Rate Schedule or in a Service Agreement have the meanings set out below or in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy. Where any of the definitions set out below conflict with the definitions in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy, the definitions set out below govern.

- (a) **Commencement Date** – means the day specified as the Commencement Date in the Service Agreement.
- (b) **Contract Year** – means a period of 12 consecutive Months commencing at the beginning of the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of November and ending at the beginning of the next succeeding 1<sup>st</sup> Day of November.
- (c) **Customer** – means a person who enters into a Service Agreement with FortisBC Energy.
- (d) **Day** – means, subject to Section 1.2 (Change in Definition of “Day”), any period of twenty-four consecutive hours beginning and ending at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.
- (e) **Delivery Point** – means the point specified in a Sales Service Agreement or a Transportation Agreement where FortisBC Energy delivers Gas to a Customer or a Shipper.
- (f) **Force Majeure** – means any acts of God; strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances; civil disturbances, arrests and restraints of rulers or people; interruptions by government or court orders; present or future valid orders of any regulatory body having proper jurisdiction; acts of the public enemy, wars, riots, blackouts, insurrections; failure or inability to secure materials or labour by reason of regulations or orders of government; serious epidemics; landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, washouts, explosions, breakage or accident to machinery or lines of pipes, or freezing of wells or pipelines; or the failure of gas supply, temporary or otherwise, from a Supplier of gas, which act of Force Majeure was not due to negligence of the party claiming Force Majeure. Further, Force Majeure will also include a declaration of force majeure by a Transporter that results in Gas being unavailable for delivery at the Interconnection Point.

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- (g) **Month** – means, subject to any changes from time to time required by FortisBC Energy, the period beginning at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on the first day of the calendar month and ending at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on the first day of the next succeeding calendar month.
- (h) **Rate Schedule 5 or this Rate Schedule** – means this Rate Schedule, including all rates, terms and conditions, and the Table of Charges, as amended from time to time by FortisBC Energy with the consent of the British Columbia Utilities Commission.
- (i) **Service Agreement** – means an agreement between FortisBC Energy and a Customer to provide Service pursuant to this Rate Schedule.
- (j) **Supplier** – means a party who sells Gas to a Shipper or FortisBC Energy or has access to its own supplies of Gas.
- (k) **Table of Charges** – means the table of prices, fees and charges, as amended from time to time by FortisBC Energy with the consent of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, appended to this Rate Schedule.
- (l) **Transporter** – means, in the case of the Fort Nelson Service Area, Westcoast Energy Inc., and any other gas pipeline transportation company connected to the facilities of FortisBC Energy from which FortisBC Energy receives Gas for the purposes of Gas transportation or resale.
- (m) **Transporter’s Service Terms** – means the general terms and conditions of the applicable Transporter, as filed with and approved from time to time by the National Energy Board or other applicable governmental authority.

## 1.2 Change in Definition of “Day”

FortisBC Energy may amend the definition of “Day” from time to time to suitably align its operations with those of its Transporters. If FortisBC Energy amends the definition of “Day”, a pro-rata adjustment of quantities of Gas and charges to account for any Day of more or less than 24 hours will be made and the terms of the Service Agreement will be similarly adjusted.

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## 2. Applicability

### 2.1 Description of Applicability

This Rate Schedule applies to the sale of firm Gas, no portion of which may be resold, through one meter station to a Customer. For greater certainty, firm Gas service under this Rate Schedule means the Gas FortisBC Energy is obligated to sell to a Customer on a firm basis subject to interruption or curtailment pursuant to Sections 10 (Default for Bankruptcy), 13 (Force Majeure) and the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy.

### 2.2 British Columbia Utilities Commission

This Rate Schedule may be amended from time to time with the consent of the British Columbia Utilities Commission.

## 3. Conditions of Service

### 3.1 Conditions

FortisBC Energy will only sell Gas under this Rate Schedule to Customers in the territory served by FortisBC Energy under the FortisBC Energy tariff of which this Rate Schedule is a part if:

- (a) the Customer has entered into a General Firm Service Agreement (Service Agreement);
- (b) adequate Gas volumes for such Service are available;
- (c) adequate capacity exists on the FortisBC Energy System;
- (d) the Customer purchases under this Rate Schedule all of the Gas required for its facilities specified in the Service Agreement; and
- (e) FortisBC Energy has installed at the Delivery Point the facilities and equipment referred to in Section 8.1 (Facilities and Equipment).

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### 3.2 Security

In order to secure the prompt and orderly payment of the charges to be paid by the Customer to FortisBC Energy under the Service Agreement, FortisBC Energy may require the Customer to provide, and at all times maintain, an irrevocable letter of credit in favour of FortisBC Energy issued by a financial institution acceptable to FortisBC Energy in an amount equal to the estimated maximum amount payable by the Customer under this Rate Schedule and the Service Agreement for a period of 90 Days. Where FortisBC Energy requires a Customer to provide a letter of credit and the Customer is able to provide alternative security acceptable to FortisBC Energy, FortisBC Energy may accept such security in lieu of a letter of credit.

### 3.3 Warning if Switching from Interruptible Transportation Service or Interruptible Sales to Firm Transportation Service or Sales

A Customer wishing to request a switch at the end of the term of an interruptible Transportation Agreement or an interruptible Gas Service Agreement to a firm transportation Rate Schedule, or to firm sales Gas Service under this Rate Schedule must comply with the requirements for Firm Service set out in the applicable Rate Schedule, including the following:

- (a) give 12 months prior notice to FortisBC Energy of the Customer's desire to do so; and
- (b) after receiving an estimate from FortisBC Energy of costs FortisBC Energy will reasonably incur to provide such Service, agree to reimburse FortisBC Energy for any such costs.

Notwithstanding Section 3.3(a), FortisBC Energy will make reasonable efforts to accommodate a Customer on less than 12 months prior notice if FortisBC Energy is able, with such shorter notice, to arrange for the firm purchase and firm transportation of Gas under a firm sales Rate Schedule, or transportation under a firm transportation Rate Schedule.

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## 4. Sales

### 4.1 Sale of Gas

Subject to Section 13 of the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy (Interruption of Service), FortisBC Energy will sell to the Customer and the Customer will buy from FortisBC Energy at the Delivery Point such quantity of Gas as is required by the Customer for the operation of the Customer's facilities specified in the Service Agreement, estimated to be the maximum quantity per Day set out in the Service Agreement, for the charges and on all of the terms and conditions set out in either this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement.

### 4.2 Maximum Hourly Quantities

FortisBC Energy will not be obliged to deliver in any one Hour more than 5% of the maximum quantity of Gas per Day set out in the Service Agreement.

### 4.3 Gas Pressure

Where specifically requested by the Customer, FortisBC Energy may agree to deliver Gas to the Customer at the Delivery Point at a minimum pressure specified in the Customer's Service Agreement. The Customer will reimburse FortisBC Energy for costs it reasonably incurs in maintaining such minimum pressure above that set out in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy. FortisBC Energy's ability to maintain a minimum pressure at the Delivery Point is subject to FortisBC Energy receiving Gas from a Transporter at the pressure specified in the Transporter's Service Terms.

## 5. Table of Charges

### 5.1 Charges

In respect of all quantities of Gas delivered to the Delivery Point pursuant to this Rate Schedule and the Service Agreement, the Customer will pay to FortisBC Energy all of the charges set out in the Table of Charges.

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## 6. Term of Service Agreement

### 6.1 Term

The initial term of the Service Agreement will begin on the Commencement Date and will expire at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on the next November 1<sup>st</sup> provided that if the foregoing results in an initial term of less than one Year, then the initial term will instead expire at the end of one further Contract Year.

### 6.2 Automatic Renewal

Except as specified in the Service Agreement, the term of the Service Agreement will continue from Year to Year after the expiry of the initial term unless cancelled by either FortisBC Energy or the Customer subject to Section 3.3 (Warning if Switching from Interruptible Transportation Service or Interruptible Sales to Firm Transportation Service or Sales) upon not less than 2 months notice prior to the end of the Contract Year then in effect.

### 6.3 Early Termination

The term of the Service Agreement is subject to early termination in accordance with Section 10 (Default or Bankruptcy). The Customer will reimburse FortisBC Energy for any net incremental utility Gas supply costs incurred by FortisBC Energy as a result of the Customer cancelling the Service Agreement prior to the end of the Contract Year then in effect. This reimbursement will include only those costs which are approved by the British Columbia Utilities Commission, and were unavoidable and could not be reduced by mitigation.

### 6.4 Survival of Covenants

Upon the termination of the Service Agreement, whether pursuant to Section 10 (Default or Bankruptcy) or otherwise:

- (a) all claims, causes of action or other outstanding obligations remaining or being unfulfilled as at the date of termination; and
- (b) all of the provisions in this Rate Schedule and in the Service Agreement relating to the obligation of any of the parties to account to or indemnify the other and to pay to the other any monies owing as at the date of termination in connection with the Service Agreement,

will survive such termination.

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## 7. Statements and Payments

### 7.1 Statements to be Provided

FortisBC Energy will, each Month, deliver to the Customer a statement for the preceding Month showing the Gas quantities delivered to the Customer and the amount due. FortisBC Energy will, on or about the 45<sup>th</sup> day after the end of a Contract Year, deliver to the Customer a separate statement for the preceding Contract Year showing the amount required from the Customer in respect of any indemnity due under this Rate Schedule or a Service Agreement. Any errors in any statement will be promptly reported to the other party as provided hereunder, and statements will be final and binding unless questioned within one Year after the date of the statement.

### 7.2 Payment and Late Payment Charge

Payment for the full amount of the statement, including federal, provincial and municipal taxes or fees applicable thereon, will be made to FortisBC Energy at its Vancouver, British Columbia office, or such other place in Canada as it will designate, on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> Business Day after the 21<sup>st</sup> calendar day following the billing date. If the Customer fails or neglects to make any payment required under this Rate Schedule, or any portion thereof, to FortisBC Energy when due, FortisBC Energy will include in the next bill to the Customer a late payment charge of 1.5% per month (19.56% per annum) on the outstanding amount.

### 7.3 Examination of Records

Each of FortisBC Energy and the Customer will have the right to examine at reasonable times the books, records and charts of the other to the extent necessary to verify the accuracy of any statement, charge, computation or demand made pursuant to any provisions of this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement.

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## 8. Measuring Equipment

### 8.1 Facilities and Equipment

FortisBC Energy will install, maintain and operate at the Delivery Point such metering and communications facilities and equipment as FortisBC Energy determines are necessary or desirable for measuring the quantity of Gas delivered pursuant to this Rate Schedule to the Customer and the Customer will permit FortisBC Energy, without cost to FortisBC Energy, to use the Customer's communications lines and power for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating the measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy. Communication facilities and equipment will be installed at the cost of the Customer.

### 8.2 Measuring Site

If FortisBC Energy reasonably determines that it is necessary to install the facilities and equipment referred to in Section 8.1 (Facilities and Equipment) on the Customer's property, the Customer will, without charge, provide a suitable site along with utilities and enclosures for the installation of the facilities and equipment of FortisBC Energy. FortisBC Energy will at all times have clear access to the site and to all of its facilities and equipment. All facilities and equipment installed by FortisBC Energy on the Customer's property will remain the property of FortisBC Energy and may be removed by FortisBC Energy upon termination of the Service Agreement.

### 8.3 Calibration and Test of Measuring Equipment

The accuracy of the measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy will be verified by standard tests and methods at regular intervals and at other times at the initiative of FortisBC Energy or upon the reasonable request of the Customer. Notice of the time and nature of each test conducted in response to communications with or at the request of the Customer will be given by FortisBC Energy to the Customer sufficiently in advance to permit a representative of the Customer to be present. If during a test the measuring equipment is found to be registering inaccurately, it will be adjusted at once to read as accurately as possible. The results of each test and adjustment, if any, made by FortisBC Energy, whether or not the Customer is present for such test, will be accepted until the next test. All tests of such measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy will be made at the expense of FortisBC Energy, except that the Customer will bear the expense of tests made at its request if the measuring equipment is found to be inaccurate by an amount equal to 2% or less.

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**8.4 Inaccuracy Exceeding 2%**

If upon any test the measuring equipment is found to be inaccurate by an amount exceeding 2%, any previous readings of such equipment will be corrected to zero error for any period during which it is definitely known or is agreed upon that the error existed. If the period is not definitely known or is not agreed upon, such correction will be for a period covering the last half of the time elapsed since the date of the last test. Under no circumstances will an adjustment be made for a period of more than the preceding 12 months.

**8.5 Correction of Measuring Errors**

If the measuring equipment is out of service or out of repair so that the quantity of Gas delivered cannot be correctly determined by the reading thereof, the Gas delivered during the period such measuring equipment is out of service or out of repair will be estimated on the basis of the best available data, using the first of the following methods which is feasible:

- (a) by correcting the error if the percentage of error is ascertained by calibration test or mathematical calculation;
- (b) by using the registration of any check measuring equipment if installed and accurately registering; and
- (c) by estimating the quantity of Gas delivered to the Customer during the preceding periods under similar conditions when the meter was registering accurately.

**8.6 Customer's Equipment**

The Customer may at its own expense install, maintain and operate its own measuring equipment for the purposes of monitoring or checking the measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy, provided that the Customer will install such equipment so as not to interfere with the operation of the measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy.

**8.7 Right to be Present**

FortisBC Energy and the Customer will have the right to inspect all equipment installed or furnished by the other and the charts and other measurement or test data of the other at all times during business hours, and to be present at the time of any installing, testing, cleaning, changing, repairing, calibrating or adjusting done in connection with the measuring equipment of the other party, but all such activities will be performed by the party furnishing the measuring equipment.

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**8.8 Preservation of Records**

Both parties will cause to be preserved each test datum, chart and other record of Gas measurement for a period of 2 years.

**9. Measurement**

**9.1 Unit of Volume**

The unit of volume of Gas for all purposes hereunder will be 1 cubic metre at a temperature of 15° Celsius and an absolute pressure of 101.325 kilopascals.

**9.2 Determination of Volume**

Gas delivered hereunder will be metered using metering apparatus approved by Measurement Canada and the determination of standard volumes delivered hereunder will be in accordance with terms and conditions pursuant to the *Electricity and Gas Inspection Act* of Canada.

**9.3 Conversion to Energy Units**

In accordance with the *Electricity and Gas Inspection Act* of Canada, volumes of Gas delivered each Day will be converted to energy units by multiplying the standard volume by the Heat Content of each unit of Gas. Volumes will be specified in 10<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup> rounded to two decimal places and energy will be specified in Gigajoules rounded to the nearest Gigajoule.

**10. Default or Bankruptcy**

**10.1 Default**

If the Customer at any time fails or neglects:

- (a) to make any payment due to FortisBC Energy or to any other person under this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement within 30 days after payment is due; or

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- (b) to correct any default of any of the other terms, covenants, agreements, conditions or obligations imposed upon it under this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement, within 30 days after FortisBC Energy gives to the Customer notice of such default or, in the case of a default that cannot with due diligence be corrected within a period of 30 days, the Customer fails to proceed promptly after the giving of such notice with due diligence to correct the same and thereafter to prosecute the correcting of such default with all due diligence;

then FortisBC Energy may in addition to any other remedy that it has, at its option and without liability therefore:

- (a) suspend further service to the Customer and may refuse to deliver Gas to the Customer until the default has been fully remedied, and no such suspension or refusal will relieve the Customer from any obligation under this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement; or
- (b) terminate the Service Agreement, and no such termination of the Service Agreement pursuant hereto will exclude the right of FortisBC Energy to collect any amount due to it from the Customer for what would otherwise have been the remainder of the term of the Service Agreement.

## 10.2 Bankruptcy or Insolvency

If the Customer becomes bankrupt or insolvent or commits or suffers an act of bankruptcy or insolvency or a receiver is appointed pursuant to a statute or under a debt instrument or the Customer seeks protection from the demands of its creditors pursuant to any legislation enacted for that purpose, FortisBC Energy will have the right, at its sole discretion, to terminate the Service Agreement by giving notice in writing to the Customer and thereupon FortisBC Energy may cease further delivery of Gas to the Customer and the amount then outstanding for Gas provided under the Service Agreement will immediately be due and payable by the Customer.

## 11. Notice

### 11.1 Notice

Any notice, request, statement or bill that is required to be given or that may be given under this Rate Schedule or under the Service Agreement will, unless otherwise specified, be in writing and will be considered as fully delivered when mailed, personally delivered or sent by fax or other method approved by FortisBC Energy to the other in accordance with the following:

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If to FortisBC Energy FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

MAILING ADDRESS: 16705 Fraser Highway  
Surrey, B.C.  
V4N 0E8

BILLING AND PAYMENT: Attention: Industrial Billing  
Telephone: 1-855-873-8773  
Email: [industrial.billing@fortisbc.com](mailto:industrial.billing@fortisbc.com)  
Fax: (888) 224-2710

CUSTOMER RELATIONS: Attention: Commercial & Industrial Energy  
Solutions  
Telephone: (604) 576-7028  
Email: [commercial.energy@fortisbc.com](mailto:commercial.energy@fortisbc.com)  
Fax: (604) 576-7122

LEGAL AND OTHER: Attention: Legal Services  
Telephone: (604) 576-7000  
Fax: (604) 592-7520

If to the Customer, then as set out in the Service Agreement.

## 11.2 Specific Notices

Notwithstanding Section 11.1 (Notice), notices with respect to Force Majeure will be sufficient if:

- (a) given by FortisBC Energy in writing by fax or other electronic means, or orally in person, or by telephone (to be confirmed in writing) to the person or persons designated from time to time by the Customer as authorized to receive such notices; or
- (b) given by the Customer by telephone (to be confirmed in writing) in the following manner:

To claim Force Majeure... "Please be advised that (name of company and location of plant) has reason for claiming Force Majeure as provided in Section 13 (Force Majeure) and hereby claims suspension by reason of Force Majeure in accordance with the terms of Rate Schedule 5 effective 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (date of Force Majeure suspension to become effective, but not to be retroactive)."

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To terminate Force Majeure... "Please be advised that (name of company and location of plant) requests a return to normal natural gas service in accordance with Rate Schedule 5 and the Service Agreement effective 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (date of Force Majeure suspension to end, but not to be retroactive) whereby the suspension by reason of Force Majeure currently in force will be terminated."

## **12. Indemnity and Limitation on Liability**

### **12.1 Limitation on Liability**

FortisBC Energy, its employees, contractors or agents are not responsible or liable for any loss or damages for or on account of any interruption or curtailment of Gas Service permitted under the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy or this Rate Schedule.

### **12.2 Indemnity**

The Customer will indemnify and hold harmless each of FortisBC Energy, its employees, contractors and agents from and against any and all adverse claims, losses, suits, actions, judgments, demands, debts, accounts, damages, costs, penalties and expenses (including all legal fees and disbursements) arising from or out of each of the following:

- (a) Municipal Operating Fees not otherwise collected by FortisBC Energy under the Table of Charges; and
- (b) all federal, provincial, municipal taxes (or payments made in lieu thereof) and royalties, whether payable on the delivery of Gas to FortisBC Energy by the Customer or on the delivery of Gas to the Customer by FortisBC Energy, or on any other Service provided by FortisBC Energy to the Customer.

## **13. Force Majeure**

### **13.1 Force Majeure**

Subject to the other provisions of Section 13 (Force Majeure), if either party is unable or fails by reason of Force Majeure to perform in whole or in part any obligation or covenant set out in this Rate Schedule under which Service is rendered or in the Service Agreement, the obligations of both FortisBC Energy and the Customer will be suspended to the extent necessary for the period of the Force Majeure condition.

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### 13.2 Curtailment Notice

If FortisBC Energy claims suspension pursuant to Section 13 (Force Majeure), FortisBC Energy will be deemed to have issued to the Customer a notice of curtailment.

### 13.3 Exceptions

Neither party will be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of Section 13.1 (Force Majeure) under any of the following circumstances:

- (a) to the extent that the failure was caused by the negligence or contributory negligence of the party claiming suspension;
- (b) to the extent that the failure was caused by the party claiming suspension having failed to diligently attempt to remedy the condition and to resume the performance of the covenants or obligations with reasonable dispatch; or
- (c) unless as soon as possible after the happening of the occurrence relied on or as soon as possible after determining that the occurrence was in the nature of Force Majeure and would affect the claiming party's ability to observe or perform any of its covenants or obligations under the Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement, the party claiming suspension will have given to the other party notice to the effect that the party is unable by reason of Force Majeure (the nature of which will be specified) to perform the particular covenants or obligations.

### 13.4 Notice to Resume

The party claiming suspension will likewise give notice, as soon as possible after the Force Majeure condition has been remedied, to the effect that it has been remedied and that the party has resumed, or is then in a position to resume, the performance of the covenants or obligations.

### 13.5 Settlement of Labour Disputes

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Section 13 (Force Majeure), the settlement of labour disputes or industrial disturbances will be entirely within the discretion of the particular party involved and the party may make settlement of it at the time and on terms and conditions as it may deem to be advisable and no delay in making settlement will deprive the party of the benefit of Section 13.1 (Force Majeure).

### 13.6 No Exemption for Payments

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Section 13 (Force Majeure), Force Majeure will not relieve or release either party from its obligations to make payments to the other.

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**13.7 Periodic Repair by FortisBC Energy**

FortisBC Energy may temporarily shut off the delivery of Gas for the purpose of repairing or replacing a portion of the FortisBC Energy System or its equipment and FortisBC Energy will make reasonable efforts to give the Customer as much notice as possible with respect to such interruption, not to be less than 8 hours prior notice except when prevented by Force Majeure. FortisBC Energy will make reasonable efforts to schedule repairs or replacement to minimize interruption of Gas service to the Customer and to restore Service as quickly as possible.

**13.8 Alteration of Facilities**

The Customer will pay to FortisBC Energy all reasonable costs associated with the alteration of facilities made at the discretion of FortisBC Energy to measure quantities reduced by reason of Force Majeure claimed by the Customer and to restore such facilities after the Force Majeure condition ends.

**14. Arbitration**

**14.1 Arbitration**

Any dispute between the parties arising from this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement will be resolved by a single arbitrator pursuant to the *Arbitration Act* of British Columbia or successor legislation, save as expressly provided herein.

**14.2 Demand for Arbitration**

Either party may commence arbitration proceedings by sending to the other party a demand for arbitration setting out the nature of the dispute.

**14.3 Arbitrator**

The parties will have 10 days from receipt of the demand referred to in Section 14.2 (Demand for Arbitration) of this Rate Schedule to agree upon the arbitrator, failing which either party may apply to the Supreme Court of British Columbia to select the arbitrator. The arbitrator must be sufficiently qualified by education and training to decide the particular questions in dispute. Unless otherwise agreed, the arbitrator may not be a past or present employee, officer or director of any of the parties or their respective successors or affiliates, any customer or supplier of the Customer or FortisBC Energy.

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#### 14.4 Commencement and Decision

The arbitrator will proceed immediately to hear and determine the matter in dispute and will render a written decision, signed by the arbitrator, within 45 days after the appointment, subject to any reasonable delay due to unforeseen circumstances. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the arbitrator fails to render a decision within 60 days after the appointment then either party may elect to have a new arbitrator appointed in like manner as if none had previously been appointed.

#### 14.5 Decision

The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon the parties and the parties will abide by the decision and perform the terms and conditions thereof.

### 15. Interpretation

#### 15.1 Interpretation

Except where the context requires otherwise or except as otherwise expressly provided, in this Rate Schedule or in a Service Agreement:

- (a) all references to a designated section are to the designated section of this Rate Schedule unless otherwise specifically stated;
- (b) the singular of any term includes the plural, and vice versa, and the use of any term is equally applicable to any gender and, where applicable, body corporate;
- (c) any reference to a corporate entity includes and is also a reference to any corporate entity that is a successor to such entity;
- (d) all words, phrases and expressions used in this Rate Schedule or in a Service Agreement that have a common usage in the gas industry and that are not defined in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy, the Definitions or in the Service Agreement have the meanings commonly ascribed thereto in the gas industry; and
- (e) the headings of the sections set out in this Rate Schedule or in the Service Agreement are for convenience of reference only and will not be considered in any interpretation of this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement.

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## **16. Miscellaneous**

### **16.1 Waiver**

No waiver by either FortisBC Energy or the Customer of any default by the other in the performance of any of the provisions of this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement will operate or be construed as a waiver of any other or future default or defaults, whether of a like or different character.

### **16.2 Enurement**

The Service Agreement will enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, including without limitation successors by merger, amalgamation or consolidation.

### **16.3 Assignment**

The Customer will not assign the Service Agreement or any of its rights or obligations thereunder without the prior written consent of FortisBC Energy which consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. No assignment will release the Customer from its obligations under this Rate Schedule or under the Service Agreement that existed prior to the date on which the assignment takes effect. This provision applies to every proposed assignment by the Customer.

### **16.4 Amendments to be in Writing**

Except as set out in this Rate Schedule, no amendment or variation of the Service Agreement will be effective or binding upon the parties unless such amendment or variation is set out in writing and duly executed by the parties.

### **16.5 Proper Law**

The Service Agreement will be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **16.6 Time is of Essence**

Time is of the essence of this Rate Schedule, the Service Agreement and of the terms and conditions thereof.

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**16.7 Subject to Legislation**

Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, this Rate Schedule and the Service Agreement and the rights and obligations of FortisBC Energy and the Customer under this Rate Schedule and the Service Agreement are subject to all present and future laws, rules, regulations and orders of any legislative body, governmental agency or duly constituted authority now or hereafter having jurisdiction over FortisBC Energy or the Customer.

**16.8 Further Assurances**

Each of FortisBC Energy and the Customer will, on demand by the other, execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered all such further documents and instruments and do all such further acts and things as the other may reasonably require to evidence, carry out and give full effect to the terms, conditions, intent and meaning of this Rate Schedule and the Service Agreement and to assure the completion of the transactions contemplated hereby.

**16.9 Form of Payments**

All payments required to be made under statements and invoices rendered pursuant to this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement will be made by wire transfer to, or cheque or bank cashier's cheque drawn on a Canadian chartered bank or trust company, payable in lawful money of Canada at par in immediately available funds in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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## Table of Charges

	<u>Fort Nelson Service Area</u>	
<b>Delivery Margin Related Charges</b>		
1. <b>Basic Charge</b> per Month	\$ <b>600.00</b>	
2. <b>Demand Charge</b> per Month per Gigajoule of Daily Demand	\$ 35.892 <sup>1</sup>	
3. <b>Delivery Charge</b> per Gigajoule	\$ 1.189	
<b>Commodity Related Charges</b>		
4. <b>Commodity Cost Recovery Charge</b> per Gigajoule	\$ 5.341	A
5. <b>Storage and Transport Charge</b> per Gigajoule	\$ 0.049	
<b>Subtotal of per Gigajoule Commodity Related Charges</b>	<b>\$ 5.390</b>	A

### Delivery Margin Related Rider

**Rider 5** (Reserved for future use.)

### Minimum Charge per Month

The minimum charge per Month will be the aggregate of the Basic Charge and Demand Charges.

### Permanent Rate Establishment

Pursuant to British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-277-21, delivery rates were set on an interim basis for consumption on and after January 1, 2022. Pursuant to British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-114-22, delivery rates are approved as permanent and implemented for consumption on and after January 1, 2022.

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**Notes:**

1. Daily Demand is equal to 1.10 multiplied by the greater of:
  - (a) the Customer's highest average daily consumption of any month during the winter period (November 1 to March 31); or
  - (b) one half of the Customer's highest average daily consumption of any month during the summer period (April 1 to October 31).

The calculation of Daily Demand will be based on the Customer's actual gas use during the preceding Contract Year.

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**GENERAL FIRM SERVICE AGREEMENT  
FOR RATE SCHEDULE 5**

This Agreement is dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, between FortisBC Energy Inc. ("FortisBC Energy ") and \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Customer").

**WHEREAS:**

- A. FortisBC Energy owns and operates the FortisBC Energy System;
- B. The Customer is the owner and operator of a \_\_\_\_\_ located in or near \_\_\_\_\_, British Columbia; and
- C. The Customer desires to purchase from FortisBC Energy firm Gas for such facilities in accordance with Rate Schedule 5 and the terms set out herein.

**NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES THAT** in consideration of the terms, conditions and limitations contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

**1. Specific Information**

Estimated Maximum Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Gigajoules per day

Commencement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(only specify an expiry date if term of Service Agreement is not automatically renewed from Year to Year as set out in Section 6.2 of Rate Schedule 5)

Delivery Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Pressure at the Delivery Point: \_\_\_\_\_

(only specify where applicable as set out in Section 4.3 of Rate Schedule 5)

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address of Customer for receiving notices:

_____	Attention: _____
(name of Customer)	
_____	Telephone: _____
(address of Customer)	
_____	Fax: _____
_____	Email: _____
_____	

The information set out above is hereby approved by the parties and each reference in either this agreement or Rate Schedule 5 to any such information is to the information set out above.

## 2. Rate Schedule 5

### 2.1 Additional Terms

All rates, terms and conditions set out in Rate Schedule 5 and the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy, as any of them may be amended by FortisBC Energy and approved from time to time by the British Columbia Utilities Commission, are in addition to the terms and conditions contained in this Service Agreement and form part of this Service Agreement and bind FortisBC Energy and the Customer as if set out in this Service Agreement.

### 2.2 Payment of Amounts

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Customer will pay to FortisBC Energy all of the amounts set out in Rate Schedule 5 for the Services provided under Rate Schedule 5 and this Service Agreement.

**2.3 Conflict**

Where anything in either Rate Schedule 5 or the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy conflicts with any of the rates, terms and conditions set out in this Service Agreement, this Service Agreement governs. Where anything in Rate Schedule 5 conflicts with any of the rates, terms and conditions set out in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy, Rate Schedule 5 governs.

**2.4 Acknowledgement**

The Customer acknowledges receiving and reading a copy of Rate Schedule 5 and the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy and agrees to comply with and be bound by all terms and conditions set out therein.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have executed this Service Agreement.

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(here insert name of Customer)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name – Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name – Please Print)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FORTISBC ENERGY INC.  
FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA**

**RATE SCHEDULE 6**

**NATURAL GAS VEHICLE SERVICE**

**Effective January 1, 2019**

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## 1. Definitions

### 1.1 Definitions

Except where the context requires otherwise, all words and phrases defined below or in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy and used in this Rate Schedule or in a Service Agreement have the meanings set out below or in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy. Where any of the definitions set out below conflict with the definitions in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy, the definitions set out below govern.

- (a) **Commencement Date** – means the day specified as the Commencement Date in the Service Agreement.
- (b) **Contract Year** – means a period of 12 consecutive Months commencing at the beginning of the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of November and ending at the beginning of the next succeeding 1<sup>st</sup> Day of November.
- (c) **Customer** – means a person who enters into a Service Agreement with FortisBC Energy.
- (d) **Day** – means, subject to Section 1.2 (Change in Definition of “Day”), any period of twenty-four consecutive hours beginning and ending at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.
- (e) **Delivery Point** – means the point specified in a Sales Service Agreement or a Transportation Agreement where FortisBC Energy delivers Gas to a Customer or a Shipper.
- (f) **Force Majeure** – means any acts of God; strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances; civil disturbances, arrests and restraints of rulers or people; interruptions by government or court orders; present or future valid orders of any regulatory body having proper jurisdiction; acts of the public enemy, wars, riots, blackouts, insurrections; failure or inability to secure materials or labour by reason of regulations or orders of government; serious epidemics; landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, washouts, explosions, breakage or accident to machinery or lines of pipes, or freezing of wells or pipelines; or the failure of gas supply, temporary or otherwise, from a Supplier of gas, which act of Force Majeure was not due to negligence of the party claiming Force Majeure. Further, Force Majeure will also include a declaration of force majeure by a Transporter that results in Gas being unavailable for delivery at the Interconnection Point.
- (g) **Gas** – means the residue remaining after raw gas has been subjected to any or all of the following permissible processes:

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- (i) the removal of any of its constituent parts other than methane, and the removal of methane to such extent as is necessary in removing other constituents;
  - (ii) the compression, regulation, cooling, cleaning or any other chemical or physical process other than the addition of diluents, such as air or nitrogen, to such extent as may be required in its production, gathering, transmission, transportation, storage, removal from storage and delivery; and
  - (iii) the addition of odorant by FortisBC Energy,
- but for greater certainty Gas does not include propane.
- (h) **Heat Content** – means the gross heating value of the Gas, determined on the basis of a temperature of 15° Celsius with the Gas free of all water vapour and at an absolute pressure of 101.325 kilopascals, with the products of combustion cooled to the initial temperature of the Gas and the water formed by the combustion condensed to the liquid state. The Heat Content will be expressed in megajoules per cubic metre of Gas (MJ/m<sup>3</sup>) rounded to two decimal places.
  - (i) **Month** – means, subject to any changes from time to time required by FortisBC Energy, the period beginning at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on the first day of the calendar month and ending at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on the first day of the next succeeding calendar month.
  - (j) **NGV** – means natural gas for vehicles.
  - (k) **NGV Firm Gas Service** – means the sale and delivery of Gas on a firm basis to the Customer.
  - (l) **Rate Schedule 6 or this Rate Schedule** – means this Rate Schedule, including all rates, terms and conditions, and the Table of Charges, as amended from time to time by FortisBC Energy with the consent of the British Columbia Utilities Commission.
  - (m) **Service Agreement** – means an agreement between FortisBC Energy and a Customer to provide Service pursuant to this Rate Schedule.
  - (n) **Supplier** – means a party who sells Gas to a Shipper or FortisBC Energy or has access to its own supplies of Gas.
  - (o) **Table of Charges** – means the table of prices, fees and charges, as amended from time to time by FortisBC Energy with the consent of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, appended to this Rate Schedule.

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- (p) **Transporter** – means, in the case of the Fort Nelson Service Area, Westcoast Energy Inc., and any other gas pipeline transportation company connected to the facilities of FortisBC Energy from which FortisBC Energy receives Gas for the purposes of Gas transportation or resale.
- (q) **Transporter’s Service Terms** – means the general terms and conditions of the applicable Transporter, as filed with and approved from time to time by the National Energy Board or other applicable governmental authority.
- (r) **10<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup>** – means 1,000 cubic metres.

## 1.2 Change in Definition of “Day”

FortisBC Energy may amend the definition of “Day” from time to time to suitably align its operations with those of its Transporters. If FortisBC Energy amends the definition of “Day”, a pro-rata adjustment of quantities of Gas and charges to account for any Day of more or less than 24 hours will be made and the terms of the Service Agreement will be similarly adjusted.

## 2. Applicability

### 2.1 Description of Applicability

This Rate Schedule applies to the sale of firm Gas through one meter set for the purpose of compression and dispensing as fuel to operate vehicles.

### 2.2 British Columbia Utilities Commission

This Rate Schedule may be amended from time to time with the consent of the British Columbia Utilities Commission.

## 3. Conditions of Service

### 3.1 Conditions

FortisBC Energy will only sell Gas under this Rate Schedule to Customers in the territory served by FortisBC Energy under the FortisBC Energy tariff of which this Rate Schedule is a part if:

- (a) the Customer has entered into a Natural Gas Vehicle Service Agreement (Service Agreement);
- (b) adequate Gas volumes for such Service are available;

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- (c) adequate capacity exists on the FortisBC Energy System;
- (d) the Customer purchases under this Rate Schedule all of the Gas required for its facilities specified in the Service Agreement; and
- (e) FortisBC Energy has installed at the Delivery Point the facilities and equipment referred to in Section 8.1 (Facilities and Equipment).

### 3.2 **Security**

In order to secure the prompt and orderly payment of the charges to be paid by the Customer to FortisBC Energy under the Service Agreement FortisBC Energy may require the Customer to provide, and at all times maintain, an irrevocable letter of credit in favour of FortisBC Energy issued by a financial institution acceptable to FortisBC Energy in an amount equal to the estimated maximum amount payable by the Customer under this Rate Schedule and the Service Agreement for a period of 90 Days. Where FortisBC Energy requires a Customer to provide a letter of credit and the Customer is able to provide alternative security acceptable to FortisBC Energy, FortisBC Energy may accept such security in lieu of a letter of credit.

### 3.3 **Right to Sell**

Customer will not sell Gas except as fuel for vehicles.

## 4. **Sales**

### 4.1 **Sale of Gas**

Subject to Section 13 of the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy (Interruption of Service), FortisBC Energy will sell to the Customer and the Customer will buy from FortisBC Energy at the Delivery Point such quantity of Gas as is required by the Customer for the operation of the Customer's facilities specified in the Service Agreement estimated to be the maximum quantity per Day set out in the Service Agreement, for the charges and on all of the terms and conditions set out in either this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement.

### 4.2 **Maximum Hourly Quantities**

FortisBC Energy will not be obliged to deliver in any one Hour more than 5% of the maximum quantity of Gas per Day set out in the Service Agreement.

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#### 4.3 Gas Pressure

Where specifically requested by the Customer, FortisBC Energy may agree to deliver Gas to the Customer at the Delivery Point at a minimum pressure specified in the Customer's Service Agreement. The Customer will reimburse FortisBC Energy for costs it reasonably incurs in maintaining such minimum pressure above that set out in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy. FortisBC Energy's ability to maintain a minimum pressure at the Delivery Point is subject to FortisBC Energy receiving Gas from a Transporter at the pressure specified in the Transporter's Service Terms..

### 5. Table of Charges

#### 5.1 Charges

In respect of all quantities of Gas delivered to the Delivery Point pursuant to this Rate Schedule and the Service Agreement, the Customer will pay to FortisBC Energy all of the charges set out in the Table of Charges, except as specified in the Service Agreement.

### 6. Term of Service Agreement

#### 6.1 Term

The initial term of the Service Agreement will begin on the Commencement Date and will expire at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on the next November 1<sup>st</sup> provided that if the foregoing results in an initial term of less than one Year, then the initial term will instead expire at the end of one further Contract Year.

#### 6.2 Automatic Renewal

Except as specified in the Service Agreement, the term of the Service Agreement will continue from Year to Year after the expiry of the initial term unless cancelled by either FortisBC Energy or the Customer upon not less than 6 months notice prior to the end of the Contract Year then in effect.

#### 6.3 Early Termination

The term of the Service Agreement is subject to early termination in accordance with Section 10 (Default or Bankruptcy). The Customer will reimburse FortisBC Energy for any net incremental utility Gas supply costs incurred by FortisBC Energy as a result of the Customer cancelling the Service Agreement prior to the end of the Contract Year then in effect. This reimbursement will include only those costs which are approved by the British Columbia Utilities Commission, and were unavoidable and could not be reduced by mitigation.

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#### 6.4 **Survival of Covenants**

Upon the termination of the Service Agreement, whether pursuant to Section 10 (Default or Bankruptcy) or otherwise:

- (a) all claims, causes of action or other outstanding obligations remaining or being unfulfilled as at the date of termination; and
- (b) all of the provisions in this Rate Schedule and in the Service Agreement relating to the obligation of any of the parties to account to or indemnify the other and to pay to the other any monies owing as at the date of termination in connection with the Service Agreement,

will survive such termination.

### 7. **Statements and Payments**

#### 7.1 **Statements to be Provided**

FortisBC Energy will, each Month, deliver to the Customer a statement for the preceding Month showing the Gas quantities delivered to the Customer and the amount due.

FortisBC Energy will, on or about the 45<sup>th</sup> day after the end of a Contract Year, deliver to the Customer a separate statement for the preceding Contract Year showing the amount required from the Customer in respect of any indemnity due under this Rate Schedule or a Service Agreement. Any errors in any statement will be promptly reported to the other party as provided hereunder, and statements will be final and binding unless questioned within one Year after the date of the statement.

#### 7.2 **Payment and Late Payment Charge**

Payment for the full amount of the statement, including federal, provincial and municipal taxes or fees applicable thereon, will be made to FortisBC Energy at its Vancouver, British Columbia office, or such other place in Canada as it will designate, on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> Business Day after the 21<sup>st</sup> calendar day following the billing date. If the Customer fails or neglects to make any payment required under this Rate Schedule, or any portion thereof, to FortisBC Energy when due, FortisBC Energy will include in the next bill to the Customer a late payment charge of 1.5% per month (19.56% per annum) on the outstanding amount.

#### 7.3 **Examination of Records**

Each of FortisBC Energy and the Customer will have the right to examine at reasonable times the books, records and charts of the other to the extent necessary to verify the

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accuracy of any statement, charge, computation or demand made pursuant to any provisions of this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement.

## 8. Measuring Equipment

### 8.1 Facilities and Equipment

FortisBC Energy will install, maintain and operate at the Delivery Point such metering and communications facilities and equipment as FortisBC Energy determines are necessary or desirable for measuring the quantity of Gas delivered pursuant to this Rate Schedule to the Customer and the Customer will permit FortisBC Energy, without cost to FortisBC Energy, to use the Customer's communications lines and power for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating the measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy. Communication facilities and equipment will be installed at the cost of the Customer.

### 8.2 Measuring Site

If FortisBC Energy reasonably determines that it is necessary to install the facilities and equipment referred to in Section 8.1 (Facilities and Equipment) on the Customer's property, the Customer will, without charge, provide a suitable site along with utilities and enclosures for the installation of the facilities and equipment of FortisBC Energy. FortisBC Energy will at all times have clear access to the site and to all of its facilities and equipment. All facilities and equipment installed by FortisBC Energy on the Customer's property will remain the property of FortisBC Energy and may be removed by FortisBC Energy upon termination of the Service Agreement.

### 8.3 Calibration and Test of Measuring Equipment

The accuracy of the measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy will be verified by standard tests and methods at regular intervals and at other times at the initiative of FortisBC Energy or upon the reasonable request of the Customer. Notice of the time and nature of each test conducted in response to communications with or at the request of the Customer will be given by FortisBC Energy to the Customer sufficiently in advance to permit a representative of the Customer to be present. If during a test the measuring equipment is found to be registering inaccurately, it will be adjusted at once to read as accurately as possible. The results of each test and adjustment, if any, made by FortisBC Energy, whether or not the Customer is present for such test, will be accepted until the next test. All tests of such measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy will be made at the expense of FortisBC Energy, except that the Customer will bear the expense of tests made at its request if the measuring equipment is found to be inaccurate by an amount equal to 2% or less.

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**8.4 Inaccuracy Exceeding 2%**

If upon any test the measuring equipment is found to be inaccurate by an amount exceeding 2%, any previous readings of such equipment will be corrected to zero error for any period during which it is definitely known or is agreed upon that the error existed. If the period is not definitely known or is not agreed upon, such correction will be for a period covering the last half of the time elapsed since the date of the last test. Under no circumstances will an adjustment be made for a period of more than the preceding 12 months.

**8.5 Correction of Measuring Errors**

If the measuring equipment is out of service or out of repair so that the quantity of Gas delivered cannot be correctly determined by the reading thereof, the Gas delivered during the period such measuring equipment is out of service or out of repair will be estimated on the basis of the best available data, using the first of the following methods which is feasible:

- (a) by correcting the error if the percentage of error is ascertained by calibration test or mathematical calculation;
- (b) by using the registration of any check measuring equipment if installed and accurately registering; and
- (c) by estimating the quantity of Gas delivered to the Customer during the preceding periods under similar conditions when the meter was registering accurately.

**8.6 Customer's Equipment**

The Customer may at its own expense install, maintain and operate its own measuring equipment for the purposes of monitoring or checking the measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy, provided that the Customer will install such equipment so as not to interfere with the operation of the measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy.

**8.7 Right to be Present**

FortisBC Energy and the Customer will have the right to inspect all equipment installed or furnished by the other and the charts and other measurement or test data of the other at all times during business hours, and to be present at the time of any installing, testing, cleaning, changing, repairing, calibrating or adjusting done in connection with the measuring equipment of the other party, but all such activities will be performed by the party furnishing the measuring equipment.

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## 8.8 Preservation of Records

Both parties will cause to be preserved each test datum, chart and other record of Gas measurement for a period of 2 years.

## 9. Measurement

### 9.1 Unit of Volume

The unit of volume of Gas for all purposes hereunder will be 1 cubic metre at a temperature of 15° Celsius and an absolute pressure of 101.325 kilopascals.

### 9.2 Determination of Volume

Gas delivered hereunder will be metered using metering apparatus approved by Measurement Canada and the determination of standard volumes delivered hereunder will be in accordance with terms and conditions pursuant to the *Electricity and Gas Inspection Act* of Canada.

### 9.3 Conversion to Energy Units

In accordance with the *Electricity and Gas Inspection Act* of Canada, volumes of Gas delivered each Day will be converted to energy units by multiplying the standard volume by the Heat Content of each unit of Gas. Volumes will be specified in 10<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup> rounded to two decimal places and energy will be specified in Gigajoules rounded to the nearest Gigajoule.

## 10. Default or Bankruptcy

### 10.1 Default

If the Customer at any time fails or neglects:

- (a) to make any payment due to FortisBC Energy or to any other person under this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement within 30 days after payment is due or
- (b) to correct any default of any of the other terms, covenants, agreements, conditions or obligations imposed upon it under this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement, within 30 days after FortisBC Energy gives to the Customer notice of such default or, in the case of a default that cannot with due diligence be corrected within a period of 30 days, the Customer fails to proceed promptly after the giving of such notice with due diligence to correct the same and thereafter to prosecute the correcting of such default with all due diligence;

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then FortisBC Energy may in addition to any other remedy that it has, at its option and without liability therefore:

- (c) suspend further service to the Customer and may refuse to deliver Gas to the Customer until the default has been fully remedied, and no such suspension or refusal will relieve the Customer from any obligation under this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement; or
- (d) terminate the Service Agreement, and no such termination of the Service Agreement pursuant hereto will exclude the right of FortisBC Energy to collect any amount due to it from the Customer for what would otherwise have been the remainder of the term of the Service Agreement.

## 10.2 Bankruptcy or Insolvency

If the Customer becomes bankrupt or insolvent or commits or suffers an act of bankruptcy or insolvency or a receiver is appointed pursuant to a statute or under a debt instrument or the Customer seeks protection from the demands of its creditors pursuant to any legislation enacted for that purpose, FortisBC Energy will have the right, at its sole discretion, to terminate the Service Agreement by giving notice in writing to the Customer and thereupon FortisBC Energy may cease further delivery of Gas to the Customer and the amount then outstanding for Gas provided under the Service Agreement will immediately be due and payable by the Customer.

## 11. Notice

### 11.1 Notice

Any notice, request, statement or bill that is required to be given or that may be given under this Rate Schedule or under the Service Agreement will, unless otherwise specified, be in writing and will be considered as fully delivered when mailed, personally delivered or sent by fax or other method approved by FortisBC Energy to the other in accordance with the following:

If to FortisBC Energy

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

MAILING ADDRESS:

16705 Fraser Highway  
Surrey, B.C.  
V4N 0E8

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retroactive) whereby the suspension by reason of Force Majeure currently in force will be terminated.”

## **12. Indemnity and Limitation on Liability**

### **12.1 Limitation on Liability**

FortisBC Energy, its employees, contractors or agents are not responsible or liable for any loss or damages for or on account of any interruption or curtailment of Gas Service permitted under the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy or this Rate Schedule.

### **12.2 Indemnity**

The Customer will indemnify and hold harmless each of FortisBC Energy, its employees, contractors and agents from and against any and all adverse claims, losses, suits, actions, judgments, demands, debts, accounts, damages, costs, penalties and expenses (including all legal fees and disbursements) arising from or out of each of the following:

- (a) Municipal Operating Fees not otherwise collected by FortisBC Energy under the Table of Charges; and
- (b) all federal, provincial, municipal taxes (or payments made in lieu thereof) and royalties, whether payable on the delivery of Gas to FortisBC Energy by the Customer or on the delivery of Gas to the Customer by FortisBC Energy, or on any other Service provided by FortisBC Energy to the Customer.

## **13. Force Majeure**

### **13.1 Force Majeure**

Subject to the other provisions of Section 13 (Force Majeure), if either party is unable or fails by reason of Force Majeure to perform in whole or in part any obligation or covenant set out in this Rate Schedule under which Service is rendered or in the Service Agreement, the obligations of both FortisBC Energy and the Customer will be suspended to the extent necessary for the period of the Force Majeure condition.

### **13.2 Curtailment Notice**

If FortisBC Energy claims suspension pursuant to Section 13 (Force Majeure), FortisBC Energy will be deemed to have issued to the Customer a notice of curtailment.

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### 13.3 Exceptions

Neither party will be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of Section 13.1 (Force Majeure) under any of the following circumstances:

- (a) to the extent that the failure was caused by the negligence or contributory negligence of the party claiming suspension;
- (b) to the extent that the failure was caused by the party claiming suspension having failed to diligently attempt to remedy the condition and to resume the performance of the covenants or obligations with reasonable dispatch; or
- (c) unless as soon as possible after the happening of the occurrence relied on or as soon as possible after determining that the occurrence was in the nature of Force Majeure and would affect the claiming party's ability to observe or perform any of its covenants or obligations under the Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement, the party claiming suspension will have given to the other party notice to the effect that the party is unable by reason of Force Majeure (the nature of which will be specified) to perform the particular covenants or obligations.

### 13.4 Notice to Resume

The party claiming suspension will likewise give notice, as soon as possible after the Force Majeure condition has been remedied, to the effect that it has been remedied and that the party has resumed, or is then in a position to resume, the performance of the covenants or obligations.

### 13.5 Settlement of Labour Disputes

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Section 13 (Force Majeure), the settlement of labour disputes or industrial disturbances will be entirely within the discretion of the particular party involved and the party may make settlement of it at the time and on terms and conditions as it may deem to be advisable and no delay in making settlement will deprive the party of the benefit of Section 13.1 (Force Majeure).

### 13.6 No Exemption for Payments

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Section 13 (Force Majeure), Force Majeure will not relieve or release either party from its obligations to make payments to the other.

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**13.7 Periodic Repair by FortisBC Energy**

FortisBC Energy may temporarily shut off the delivery of Gas for the purpose of repairing or replacing a portion of the FortisBC Energy System or its equipment and FortisBC Energy will make reasonable efforts to give the Customer as much notice as possible with respect to such interruption, not to be less than 8 hours prior notice except when prevented by Force Majeure. FortisBC Energy will make reasonable efforts to schedule repairs or replacement to minimize interruption of Gas service to the Customer and to restore Service as quickly as possible.

**13.8 Alteration of Facilities**

The Customer will pay to FortisBC Energy all reasonable costs associated with the alteration of facilities made at the discretion of FortisBC Energy to measure quantities reduced by reason of Force Majeure claimed by the Customer and to restore such facilities after the Force Majeure condition ends.

**14. Arbitration**

**14.1 Arbitration**

Any dispute between the parties arising from this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement will be resolved by a single arbitrator pursuant to the *Arbitration Act* of British Columbia or successor legislation, save as expressly provided herein.

**14.2 Demand for Arbitration**

Either party may commence arbitration proceedings by sending to the other party a demand for arbitration setting out the nature of the dispute.

**14.3 Arbitrator**

The parties will have 10 days from receipt of the demand referred to in Section 14.2 (Demand for Arbitration) of this Rate Schedule to agree upon the arbitrator, failing which either party may apply to the Supreme Court of British Columbia to select the arbitrator. The arbitrator must be sufficiently qualified by education and training to decide the particular questions in dispute. Unless otherwise agreed, the arbitrator may not be a past or present employee, officer or director of any of the parties or their respective successors or affiliates, any customer or supplier of the Customer or FortisBC Energy.

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#### 14.4 Commencement and Decision

The arbitrator will proceed immediately to hear and determine the matter in dispute and will render a written decision, signed by the arbitrator, within 45 days after the appointment, subject to any reasonable delay due to unforeseen circumstances. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the arbitrator fails to render a decision within 60 days after the appointment then either party may elect to have a new arbitrator appointed in like manner as if none had previously been appointed.

#### 14.5 Decision

The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon the parties and the parties will abide by the decision and perform the terms and conditions thereof.

### 15. Interpretation

#### 15.1 Interpretation

Except where the context requires otherwise or except as otherwise expressly provided, in this Rate Schedule or in a Service Agreement:

- (a) all references to a designated section are to the designated section of this Rate Schedule unless otherwise specifically stated;
- (b) the singular of any term includes the plural, and vice versa, and the use of any term is equally applicable to any gender and, where applicable, body corporate;
- (c) any reference to a corporate entity includes and is also a reference to any corporate entity that is a successor to such entity;
- (d) all words, phrases and expressions used in this Rate Schedule or in a Service Agreement that have a common usage in the gas industry and that are not defined in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy, the Definitions or in the Service Agreement have the meanings commonly ascribed thereto in the gas industry; and
- (e) the headings of the sections set out in this Rate Schedule or in the Service Agreement are for convenience of reference only and will not be considered in any interpretation of this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement.

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## **16. Miscellaneous**

### **16.1 Waiver**

No waiver by either FortisBC Energy or the Customer of any default by the other in the performance of any of the provisions of this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement will operate or be construed as a waiver of any other or future default or defaults, whether of a like or different character.

### **16.2 Enurement**

The Service Agreement will enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, including without limitation successors by merger, amalgamation or consolidation.

### **16.3 Assignment**

The Customer will not assign the Service Agreement or any of its rights or obligations thereunder without the prior written consent of FortisBC Energy which consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. No assignment will release the Customer from its obligations under this Rate Schedule or under the Service Agreement that existed prior to the date on which the assignment takes effect. This provision applies to every proposed assignment by the Customer.

### **16.4 Amendments to be in Writing**

Except as set out in this Rate Schedule, no amendment or variation of the Service Agreement will be effective or binding upon the parties unless such amendment or variation is set out in writing and duly executed by the parties.

### **16.5 Proper Law**

The Service Agreement will be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **16.6 Time is of Essence**

Time is of the essence of this Rate Schedule, the Service Agreement and of the terms and conditions thereof.

### **16.7 Subject to Legislation**

Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, this Rate Schedule and the Service Agreement and the rights and obligations of FortisBC Energy and the Customer under this Rate Schedule and the Service Agreement are subject to all present and future

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laws, rules, regulations and orders of any legislative body, governmental agency or duly constituted authority now or hereafter having jurisdiction over FortisBC Energy or the Customer.

**16.8 Further Assurances**

Each of FortisBC Energy and the Customer will, on demand by the other, execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered all such further documents and instruments and do all such further acts and things as the other may reasonably require to evidence, carry out and give full effect to the terms, conditions, intent and meaning of this Rate Schedule and the Service Agreement and to assure the completion of the transactions contemplated hereby.

**16.9 Form of Payments**

All payments required to be made under statements and invoices rendered pursuant to this Rate Schedule or the Service Agreement will be made by wire transfer to, or cheque or bank cashier's cheque drawn on a Canadian chartered bank or trust company, payable in lawful money of Canada at par in immediately available funds in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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### Table of Charges

Fort Nelson  
Service Area

**Delivery Margin Related Charges**

- |   |           |  |
|---|-----------|--|
| 1. <b>Basic Charge</b> per Day          | \$ 2.0041 |  |
| 2. <b>Delivery Charge</b> per Gigajoule | \$ 3.206  |  |

**Commodity Related Charges**

- |  |          |   |
|--|----------|---|
| 3. <b>Commodity Cost Recovery Charge</b> per Gigajoule | \$ 5.341 | A |
| 4. <b>Storage and Transport Charge</b> per Gigajoule   | \$ 0.025 |   |

<b>Subtotal of per Gigajoule Commodity Related Charges</b>	<b>\$ 5.366</b>	A
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**Minimum Charge per month**

The minimum charge per Month will be the sum of the Basic Charge per billing period.

**Permanent Rate Establishment**

Pursuant to British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-277-21, delivery rates were set on an interim basis for consumption on and after January 1, 2022. Pursuant to British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-114-22, delivery rates are approved as permanent and implemented for consumption on and after January 1, 2022.

## Special Conditions

FortisBC Energy may, in its sole discretion, reduce the Delivery Charge per Gigajoule to any Customer where such reduction is necessary to encourage expansion of the NGV market. Any reduction in the Delivery Charge will be specified in the Service Agreement.

FortisBC Energy may make a promotional grant towards the cost to purchase a factory-built NGV vehicle, or the cost to convert a vehicle to natural gas to meet requirements as set by the Government of Canada, provided that such vehicles will obtain Gas from refuelling facilities in a FortisBC Energy Service Area. The amount of the grant would not exceed \$10 per GJ, based on estimated consumption over a one year period, up to a maximum total grant by vehicle type as listed in the table below:

Factory Built NGV Incentive Grants		
Vehicle Description	GVW (#)	Maximum Grant
Light Duty	< 10,000	\$ 2,500
Medium Duty	< 17,000	\$ 5,000
Heavy Duty	> 17,000	\$ 10,000

The amount of each grant will not exceed the 5 year projected net revenue to FortisBC Energy from each corresponding vehicle.

FortisBC Energy may also fund Special Demonstration project grants, tied to an individual vehicle purchased by a customer. The amount of the Special Demonstration grant will not exceed the premium cost for the natural gas option for the vehicle. The total funds paid out under the Special Demonstration project grants will not exceed \$100,000 in any one year.

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**NATURAL GAS VEHICLE SERVICE AGREEMENT  
FOR RATE SCHEDULE 6**

This Agreement is dated \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, between FortisBC Energy Inc. ("FortisBC Energy") and \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Customer").

**WHEREAS:**

- A. FortisBC Energy owns and operates the FortisBC Energy System;
- B. The Customer is the operator of \_\_\_\_\_ located in or near \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Premises") in the Province of British Columbia, from which the Customer desires to dispense NGV;
- C. The Customer / or \_\_\_\_\_ is the registered owner of the Premises; and
- D. The Customer desires to purchase from FortisBC Energy NGV Firm Gas Service for the Premises in accordance with Rate Schedule 6.

**NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES THAT** in consideration of the terms, conditions and limitations contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

**1. Specific Information**

Estimated Maximum Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Gigajoules per day

Commencement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(only specify an expiry date if term of Service Agreement is not automatically renewed from Year to Year as set out in Section 6.2 of Rate Schedule 6)

Delivery Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Pressure at the Delivery Point: \_\_\_\_\_

(only specify where applicable as set out in Section 4.3 of Rate Schedule 6)

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Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Customer for receiving notices:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of Customer)

Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(address of Customer)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
The information set out above is hereby approved by the parties and each reference in either this agreement or Rate Schedule 6 to any such information is to the information set out above.

## 2. Rate Schedule 6

### 2.1 Additional Terms

All rates, terms and conditions set out in Rate Schedule 6 and the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy, as any of them may be amended by FortisBC Energy and approved from time to time by the British Columbia Utilities Commission, are in addition to the rates, terms and conditions contained in this Service Agreement and form part of this Service Agreement and bind FortisBC Energy and the Customer as if set out in this Service Agreement.

### 2.2 Payment of Amounts

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Customer will pay to FortisBC Energy all of the amounts set out in Rate Schedule 6 for the Services provided under Rate Schedule 6 and this Service Agreement.

### 2.3 Conflict

Where anything in either Rate Schedule 6 or the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy conflicts with any of the rates, terms and conditions set out in this

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Service Agreement, this Service Agreement governs. Where anything in Rate Schedule 6 conflicts with any of the rates, terms and conditions set out in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy, Rate Schedule 6 governs.

## 2.4 Acknowledgement

The Customer acknowledges receiving and reading a copy of Rate Schedule 6 and the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy and agrees to comply with and be bound by all terms and conditions set out therein.

## 3. Rates

3.1 For NGV Firm Gas Service, the Customer agrees to pay (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ the charges set out in the Table of Charges of Rate Schedule 6, which may be amended from time to time by FortisBC Energy with the consent of the British Columbia Utilities Commission

or

\_\_\_\_\_ the following special charges, fixed for the term of the Service Agreement.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

plus the Commodity Cost Recovery Charge per Gigajoule, the Storage and Transport Charge per Gigajoule, all applicable Commodity Cost Recovery Charge related riders and all applicable Storage and Transport Charge related riders, as set out in the Table of Charges of Rate Schedule 6.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have executed this Service Agreement.

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC.**

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(here insert name of Customer)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

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FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA**

**RATE SCHEDULE 25**

**GENERAL FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

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## 1. Definitions

### 1.1 Definitions

Except where the context requires otherwise, all words and phrases defined below or in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy and used in this Rate Schedule or in a Transportation Agreement have the meanings set out below or in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy. Where any of the definitions set out below conflict with the definitions in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy, the definitions set out below govern.

- (a) **Authorized Quantity** – means, subject to interruptions or curtailments as provided in Section 4 (Transportation) or due to provisions of the Transportation Agreement, the quantity of energy (in Gigajoules) for each Day approved by the Transporter for transportation Service on the Transporter's pipeline system, based on the quantity requested pursuant to Section 7.1 (Requested Quantity), adjusted as set out in Section 7.2 (Adjustment of Requested Quantity) or the quantity of energy approved for sale by FortisBC Energy under an applicable Rate Schedule, or any component or aggregate of these quantities, as the context requires.
- (b) **Backstopping Gas** - means Gas made available by FortisBC Energy as an interruptible backup supply if on any Day the Authorized Quantity is less than the Requested Quantity, adjusted as set out in Section 7.2 (Adjustment of Requested Quantity).
- (c) **Balancing Gas** - means any Gas taken during a Day which is in excess of the Authorized Quantity, subject to Section 8.2 (Provision of Gas Balancing).
- (d) **Commencement Date** - means the day specified as the Commencement Date in the Transportation Agreement.
- (e) **Contract Year** - means a period of 12 consecutive Months commencing at the beginning of the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of November and ending at the beginning of the next succeeding 1<sup>st</sup> Day of November.
- (f) **Day** - means, subject to Section 1.2 (Change in Definition of "Day"), any period of twenty-four consecutive hours beginning and ending at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.
- (g) **Delivery Point** - means the point specified in a Sales Service Agreement or a Transportation Agreement where FortisBC Energy delivers Gas to a Customer or a Shipper.
- (h) **DTQ or Daily Transportation Quantity** - means the Firm DTQ.

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- (i) **Firm DTQ** - means the maximum quantity of Gas that FortisBC Energy is obligated to transport for and deliver on a firm basis to a Shipper at the Delivery Point on any particular Day, which reasonably reflects the Shipper's requirements and is specified in a Transportation Agreement.
- (j) **Force Majeure** - means any acts of God; strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances; civil disturbances, arrests and restraints of rulers or people; interruptions by government or court orders; present or future valid orders of any regulatory body having proper jurisdiction; acts of the public enemy, wars, riots, blackouts, insurrections; failure or inability to secure materials or labour by reason of regulations or orders of government; serious epidemics; landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, washouts, explosions, breakage or accident to machinery or lines of pipes, or freezing of wells or pipelines; or the failure of gas supply, temporary or otherwise, from a Supplier of gas, which act of Force Majeure was not due to negligence of the party claiming Force Majeure. Further, Force Majeure will also include a declaration of force majeure by a Transporter that results in Gas being unavailable for delivery at the Interconnection Point.
- (k) **Group** - means a group of Shippers who each transport Gas under a transportation Rate Schedule, have a common Shipper Agent, and who have each entered into a Transportation Agreement.
- (l) **Interconnection Point** - means a point where the FortisBC Energy System interconnects with the facilities of one of the Transporters of FortisBC Energy, as specified in a Transportation Agreement.
- (m) **Month** - means, subject to any changes from time to time required by FortisBC Energy, the period beginning at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on the first day of the calendar month and ending at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on the first day of the next succeeding calendar month.
- (n) **Rate Schedule 25 or this Rate Schedule** - means this Rate Schedule, including all rates, terms and conditions, and the Table of Charges, as amended from time to time by FortisBC Energy with the consent of the British Columbia Utilities Commission.
- (o) **Requested Quantity** - means the quantity of energy for each Day requested for firm transportation Service under Rate Schedule 25, or for sales by FortisBC Energy under an applicable Rate Schedule, or any component or aggregate of these quantities, as the context requires.
- (p) **Shipper** - means a person who enters into a Transportation Agreement with FortisBC Energy and who is also the consumer of the Gas transported.
- (q) **Shipper Agent** - means a person who enters into a Shipper Agent Agreement with FortisBC Energy.

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- (r) **Shipper Agent Agreement** - means an agreement between FortisBC Energy and a Shipper Agent pursuant to which the Shipper Agent agrees to act as agent for a Group.
- (s) **Station 2 Daily Price** - means the Station 2 Daily Midpoint Price as set out in Gas Daily's Daily Price Survey for Gas delivered to Westcoast Station 2 in Canadian dollars per Gigajoule.
- (t) **Supplier** - means a party who sells Gas to a Shipper or FortisBC Energy or has access to its own supplies of Gas.
- (u) **Table of Charges** - means the table of prices, fees and charges, as amended from time to time by FortisBC Energy with the consent of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, appended to this Rate Schedule.
- (v) **Timely Nomination Cycle** – means nominations received for the following Day or subsequent Day(s), which closes at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.
- (w) **Transportation Agreement** - means an agreement between FortisBC Energy and a Shipper to provide Service pursuant to a transportation Rate Schedule.
- (x) **Transporter** - means, in the case of the Fort Nelson Service Area, Westcoast Energy Inc., and any other gas pipeline transportation company connected to the facilities of FortisBC Energy from which FortisBC Energy receives Gas for the purposes of Gas transportation or resale.
- (y) **Transporter's Service Terms** - means the general terms and conditions of the applicable Transporter, as filed with and approved from time to time by the National Energy Board or other applicable governmental authority.
- (z) **Unauthorized Overrun Gas** - means any Gas taken on any Day in excess of the curtailed quantity specified in any notice to interrupt or curtail a Shipper's take or to interrupt or curtail a Group's take, and for greater certainty, Unauthorized Overrun Gas includes all Gas taken by a Shipper or a Group to the extent that the obligation of FortisBC Energy to deliver such Gas is suspended by reason of Force Majeure.

## 1.2 Change in Definition of "Day"

FortisBC Energy may amend the definition of "Day" from time to time to suitably align its operations with those of its Transporters. If FortisBC Energy amends the definition of "Day", a pro-rata adjustment of quantities of Gas and charges to account for any Day of more or less than 24 hours will be made and the terms of the Transportation Agreement will be similarly adjusted.

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## 2. Applicability

### 2.1 Description of Applicability

This Rate Schedule applies to the provision of firm transportation Service through the FortisBC Energy System and through one meter station to one Shipper. For greater certainty, firm transportation Service under this Rate Schedule means the transportation Service FortisBC Energy is obligated to provide to a Shipper on a firm basis subject to interruption or curtailment pursuant to Sections 16 (Default or Bankruptcy), 19 (Force Majeure) and the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy.

### 2.2 British Columbia Utilities Commission

This Rate Schedule may be amended from time to time with the consent of the British Columbia Utilities Commission.

## 3. Conditions of Service

### 3.1 Conditions

FortisBC Energy does not provide transportation Service as a common carrier. FortisBC Energy will only transport Gas under this Rate Schedule to Shippers in the territory served by FortisBC Energy under the FortisBC Energy tariff of which this Rate Schedule is a part if:

- (a) the Shipper has entered into a Transportation Agreement;
- (b) adequate capacity exists on the FortisBC Energy System; and
- (c) FortisBC Energy has installed at the Delivery Point the facilities and equipment referred to in Section 13.1 (Facilities and Equipment).

### 3.2 Security

In order to secure the prompt and orderly payment of the charges to be paid by the Shipper to FortisBC Energy under the Transportation Agreement, FortisBC Energy may require the Shipper to provide, and at all times maintain, an irrevocable letter of credit in favour of FortisBC Energy issued by a financial institution acceptable to FortisBC Energy in an amount equal to the estimated maximum amount payable by the Shipper under this Rate Schedule and the Transportation Agreement for a period of 90 Days. Where FortisBC Energy requires a Shipper to provide a letter of credit and the Shipper is able to provide alternative security acceptable to FortisBC Energy, FortisBC Energy may accept such security in lieu of a letter of credit.

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## **4. Transportation**

### **4.1 Transportation of Gas**

Subject to Section 13 of the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy (Interruption of Service), and all of the terms and conditions of this Rate Schedule, FortisBC Energy will on each Day transport for and deliver to the Shipper at the Delivery Point the Authorized Quantity, received at the Interconnection Point from the Transporter up to the Requested Quantity, where adequate capacity exists on the FortisBC Energy System. On each Day, if the Shipper's Gas received at the Interconnection Point is not consumed by the Shipper or is not authorized for delivery to the Shipper, FortisBC Energy will be entitled to utilize such Gas subject to all the terms of this Rate Schedule and the Transportation Agreement.

### **4.2 Curtailment**

Consistent with the provisions of Section 7.5 (Failure to Deliver to Interconnection Point), if at any time FortisBC Energy, acting reasonably, determines that it is not able to provide Balancing Gas or Backstopping Gas, FortisBC Energy may curtail the Shipper's take to the lesser of the Authorized Quantity or the Firm DTQ.

### **4.3 Notice of Curtailment**

Each notice from FortisBC Energy to the Shipper with respect to the interruption or curtailment by FortisBC Energy of deliveries of Gas to the Delivery Point will be by telephone, by facsimile ("fax") and/or by other electronic means, and will specify the quantity of Gas to which the Shipper is curtailed and the time at which such curtailment is to be made. FortisBC Energy will make reasonable efforts to give the Shipper as much notice as possible with respect to such curtailment, not to be less than 8 Hours prior notice unless prevented by Force Majeure.

### **4.4 Default Regarding Curtailment**

The Shipper will comply with each notice to interrupt or curtail the Shipper's take. If the Shipper at any time fails or neglects to comply with a notice to interrupt or curtail the Shipper's take as set out in Section 7.5 (Failure to Deliver to Interconnection Point), FortisBC Energy may, in addition to any other remedy that it may then or thereafter have, at its option, without liability therefor and without any prior notice to the Shipper:

- (a) turn off the valve at the Delivery Point; or
- (b) deliver such Gas and charge the Shipper for such Gas consumed on that Day the Unauthorized Overrun Gas charge set out in the Table of Charges.

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**4.5 Maximum Hourly Quantities**

FortisBC Energy will not be obliged to receive or deliver in one Hour more than 5% of the quantity of Gas that the Shipper is authorized to receive on any Day.

**4.6 Gas Pressure**

Where specifically requested by the Shipper, FortisBC Energy may agree to deliver Gas to the Shipper at the Delivery Point at a minimum pressure specified in the Shipper's Transportation Agreement. The Shipper will reimburse FortisBC Energy for costs it reasonably incurs in maintaining such minimum pressure above that set out in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy. FortisBC Energy's ability to maintain a minimum pressure at the Delivery Point is subject to FortisBC Energy receiving Gas at the Interconnection Point at the pressure specified in the Transporter's Service Terms.

**5. Table of Charges**

**5.1 Charges**

In respect of all quantities of Gas delivered to the Delivery Point pursuant to this Rate Schedule and the Transportation Agreement, the Shipper will pay to FortisBC Energy all of the charges set out in the Table of Charges whether or not the Shipper is a member of a Group. The Shipper Agent may elect to pay to FortisBC Energy the charges for the Backstopping Gas and the Balancing Gas taken and any Unauthorized Overrun Gas taken for members of its Group. In the event the Shipper Agent fails to make an election or pay these charges for and on behalf of the Shippers which are members of its Group, FortisBC Energy will bill the Shippers directly.

**6. Unauthorized Use**

**6.1 Charges for Unauthorized Service**

On any Day a Shipper takes Unauthorized Overrun Gas and/or Unauthorized Transportation Service, the Shipper will pay to FortisBC Energy the unauthorized overrun charge set out in the Table of Charges. The Shipper Agent may elect to pay these charges for the members of its Group. In the event the Shipper Agent fails to make an election or does not pay these charges for and on behalf of the Shippers which are members of its Group, FortisBC Energy will bill the Shippers directly.

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**6.2 Payments Not License**

Payments made to FortisBC Energy for Unauthorized Overrun Gas or Unauthorized Transportation Service neither give the right to take Unauthorized Overrun Gas or Unauthorized Transportation Service, nor exclude or limit any other remedies available to FortisBC Energy for the taking or use of Unauthorized Overrun Gas or Unauthorized Transportation Service.

**7. Nomination**

**7.1 Requested Quantity**

The Shipper or Shipper Agent will provide notice to FortisBC Energy on the Web Information and Nomination System (“WINS”) or other method approved by FortisBC Energy, prior to the Timely Nomination Cycle on each Day (or such other time as may be specified from time to time by FortisBC Energy) such information as may be requested by FortisBC Energy, which will include, but is not limited to, the Shipper or Shipper Agent’s Requested Quantity for the Day commencing in approximately 24 hours and/or subsequent Day(s). If the Shipper or Shipper Agent does not notify FortisBC Energy in accordance with the foregoing, then the Shipper or Shipper Agent’s Requested Quantity for the Day commencing in approximately 24 hours will be deemed to be zero, subject to Section 7.2 (Adjustment of Requested Quantity). The Shipper or Shipper Agent is required to provide their best estimate of the quantity of Gas the Shipper(s) will actually consume on such Day.

**7.2 Adjustment of Requested Quantity**

The Shipper or Shipper Agent will provide notice to FortisBC Energy on the WINS, or other method approved by FortisBC Energy, of adjustments to the Requested Quantity for the Day commencing in approximately 24 hours. Adjustments to the Requested Quantity must adhere to the elapsed pro-rata practices of the applicable Transporter(s). FortisBC Energy may adjust, in consultation with the Shipper, the Shipper’s Requested Quantity, described in Section 7.1 (Requested Quantity), when in the reasonable opinion of FortisBC Energy such modification is required in order to limit the build-up of inventory account quantities.

**7.3 Request to Transporter**

FortisBC Energy will provide to the Transporter the Shipper’s Requested Quantity, adjusted as set out in Section 7.2 (Adjustment of Requested Quantity).

**7.4 Delivery to Interconnection Point**

The Shipper will cause to be delivered to the Interconnection Point on each Day a quantity of Gas at least equal to the Shipper's Requested Quantity, adjusted as set out in Section 7.2 (Adjustment of Requested Quantity).

**7.5 Failure to Deliver to Interconnection Point**

If on any Day the Authorized Quantity from the Transporter is less than the quantity requested from the Transporter pursuant to Section 7.3 (Request to Transporter), then in addition to curtailments permitted under Section 4 (Transportation) FortisBC Energy may, in its discretion, interrupt or curtail Service hereunder to the lesser of such Authorized Quantity or the Firm DTQ. Alternatively, FortisBC Energy may deliver additional Gas to the Shipper at the Interconnection Point and charge the Shipper Backstopping Gas as set out in the Table of Charges.

**7.6 Authorized Quantity**

FortisBC Energy will notify the Shipper or the Shipper Agent on WINS or other method approved by FortisBC Energy if the Authorized Quantity is less than the Requested Quantity.

**7.7 Determination of DTQ**

Subject to Section 3 (Conditions of Service) and 10.2 (Automatic Renewal), the Shipper will provide to FortisBC Energy by fax or other method approved by FortisBC Energy 30 Days prior to the Commencement Day of each Contract Year the Shipper's DTQ for the following Contract Year. If the Shipper does not provide FortisBC Energy notice in accordance with this Section 7.7 (Determination of DTQ), then the Shipper's Firm DTQ for the following Contract Year will be deemed to be the same as the current Contract Year. If a Shipper appoints a Shipper Agent to act on its behalf, the Shipper authorizes the Shipper Agent to determine the DTQ set out in the Transportation Agreement, for each Contract Year. This authorization will remain in effect for the term of the Transportation Agreement or for so long as the Shipper Agent acts as agent for the Shipper, whichever period is shorter.

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## 8. Gas Balancing

### 8.1 Gas Balancing

Gas balancing hereunder is intended for matching day to day imbalances that cannot be reasonably forecast by the Shipper. Subject to all the terms of this Rate Schedule, FortisBC Energy will on each Day balance for the Shipper at the Interconnection Point the difference between the Shipper's Authorized Quantity under the Transportation Agreement and its actual consumption of Gas.

### 8.2 Provision of Gas Balancing

When on any Day the Shipper requires Gas for balancing, FortisBC Energy will:

- (a) allow the Shipper to use up to the amount available in the Shipper's inventory account pursuant to Section 8.4 (Adjustments to Inventory);
- (b) for quantities of Gas above the amount available in the Shipper's inventory, sell to the Shipper at the commodity charge set out in the Table of Charges; and
- (c) for quantities of Gas needed to balance actual consumption that exceeds the greater of 100 Gigajoules or 10 percent of the Shipper's Authorized Quantity, charge the Shipper for Balancing Gas at the applicable rate(s) as set out in the Table of Charges.

### 8.3 Curtailment of Gas Balancing

FortisBC Energy may for any reason and for any length of time, interrupt or curtail Gas balancing under this Rate Schedule.

### 8.4 Adjustments to Inventory

When on any Day the Shipper delivers more Gas to the Interconnection Point than its actual consumption, except for Gas purchased by FortisBC Energy under Section 19.8 (Shipper's Gas), FortisBC Energy will maintain an inventory account for the Shipper and will increase the balance in the account by the excess amount received. FortisBC Energy reserves the right to limit Gas quantities maintained in the Shipper's inventory account and will from time to time, at its discretion and in consultation with the Shipper, return excess inventory at no charge to the Shipper; this will not relieve the Shipper from its obligation to provide accurate nominations pursuant to Section 7.1 (Requested Quantity).

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## 8.5 Imbalance Following Termination

If FortisBC Energy has received a quantity of Gas in excess of the quantity delivered to the Shipper during the term of a Transportation Agreement, then the Shipper may request the excess quantity be returned within 90 Days following termination of the Transportation Agreement.

## 9. Group Nominations and Balancing

### 9.1 Group Nominations and Balancing

If a Shipper appoints a Shipper Agent and becomes a member of a Group and if the Shipper and Shipper Agent have agreed to execute or have executed a Shipper Agent Agreement, and if the members of the Group are in the same Service Area of FortisBC Energy and receive Service under a transportation Rate Schedule, the Shipper Agent will nominate and balance on behalf of all members of the Group on an aggregate basis pursuant to Sections 7 (Nomination), and 8 (Gas Balancing) of this Rate Schedule, as modified by this Section, and the Shipper Agent will be the agent for each of the members of a Group for the purposes of any and all matters set out in Sections 7 (Nomination), and 8 (Gas Balancing). The Shipper Agent may also elect pursuant to the Shipper Agent Agreement, to pay some or all of the charges specified in Sections 5.1 (Charges) and 6.1 (Charges for Unauthorized Service) for and on behalf of the Shippers in its Group. The Shipper acknowledges and agrees that FortisBC Energy may rely, for the purpose of payment allocations, on written notification from the Shipper Agent of such election as a basis for the Shipper Agent's authority to act on behalf of the Shipper. Where the Shipper Agent fails to execute a Shipper Agent Agreement, the Shipper will be deemed to be and treated by FortisBC Energy as an individual Group of one Shipper, except for the purposes of Sections 9.4 (Notices To and From Shipper Agents) and 11.1 (Statements to be Provided) hereunder, and will be deemed to have agreed to purchase Gas from FortisBC Energy pursuant to the applicable transportation Rate Schedule and will accordingly be responsible for the payment of all charges thereunder, including any and all Balancing Gas and Unauthorized Overrun Gas charges attributable to that Shipper.

### 9.2 Determination of Charges

The charges for Backstopping Gas, Balancing Gas, and Unauthorized Overrun Gas, set out in the Table of Charges, will be determined based on the quantities transported on behalf of all members of the Group on an aggregate basis.

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### 9.3 Security

FortisBC Energy may require the Shipper Agent to provide security, as set out in Section 3.2 (Security), with necessary changes, for the performance of the Shipper Agent's obligations under the Shipper Agent Agreement.

### 9.4 Notices To and From Shipper Agents

If the Shipper is a member of a Group then:

- (a) communications regarding curtailments or interruptions arising from Gas supply constraints and limitations, quantities of Gas requested and quantities of Gas authorized will be between the Shipper Agent for the Group and FortisBC Energy; and
- (b) notices from FortisBC Energy with respect to interruption or curtailment pursuant to Section 4.3 (Notice of Curtailment) arising from Gas supply constraints or limitations will be to the Shipper Agent for the Group and will specify the quantity of Gas to which the Group is curtailed and the time at which such curtailment is to be made; it will be the responsibility of the Shipper Agent to notify Shippers which are members of the Group of interruptions or curtailments.

## 10. Term of Transportation Agreement

### 10.1 Term

The initial term of the Transportation Agreement will begin on the Commencement Date and will expire at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on the next November 1<sup>st</sup>, provided that if the foregoing results in an initial term of less than one Year, then the initial term will instead expire at the end of one further Contract Year.

### 10.2 Automatic Renewal

Except as specified in the Transportation Agreement, the term of the Transportation Agreement will continue from Year to Year after the expiry of the initial term unless cancelled by either FortisBC Energy or the Shipper upon not less than 2 months notice prior to the end of the Contract Year then in effect.

### 10.3 Early Termination

The term of the Transportation Agreement is subject to early termination in accordance with Section 16 (Default or Bankruptcy).

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#### 10.4 Survival of Covenants

Upon the termination of the Transportation Agreement, whether pursuant to Section 16 (Default or Bankruptcy) or otherwise:

- (a) all claims, causes of action or other outstanding obligations remaining or being unfulfilled as at the date of termination; and
- (b) all of the provisions in this Rate Schedule and in the Transportation Agreement relating to the obligation of any of the parties to account to or indemnify the other and to pay to the other any monies owing as at the date of termination in connection with the Transportation Agreement,

will survive such termination.

### 11. Statements and Payments

#### 11.1 Statements to be Provided

FortisBC Energy will, on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each Month, deliver to the Shipper, a statement for the preceding Month showing the Gas quantities delivered to the Shipper and the amount due. If the Shipper is a member of a Group then the statement and the calculation of the amount due from the Shipper will be based on information supplied by the Shipper Agent, or based on other information available to FortisBC Energy, as set out in the Shipper Agent Agreement. FortisBC Energy will, on or about the 45<sup>th</sup> day after the end of a Contract Year, deliver to the Shipper a separate statement for the preceding Contract Year showing the amount required from the Shipper in respect of any indemnity due under this Rate Schedule or a Transportation Agreement. Any errors in any statement will be promptly reported to the other party as provided hereunder, and statements will be final and binding unless questioned within one Year after the date of the statement.

#### 11.2 Payment and Late Payment Charge

Payment for the full amount of the statement, including federal, provincial and municipal taxes or fees applicable thereon, will be made to FortisBC Energy at its Vancouver, British Columbia office, or such other place in Canada as it will designate, on or before the 1st Business Day after the 21<sup>st</sup> calendar day following the billing date. If the Shipper fails or neglects to make any payment required under this Rate Schedule, or any portion thereof, to FortisBC Energy when due, FortisBC Energy will include in the next bill to the Shipper a late payment charge of 1.5% per month (19.56% per annum) on the outstanding amount.

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### 11.3 Examination of Records

Each of FortisBC Energy and the Shipper will have the right to examine at reasonable times the books, records and charts of the other to the extent necessary to verify the accuracy of any statement, charge, computation or demand made pursuant to any provisions of this Rate Schedule or the Transportation Agreement.

## 12. Quality

### 12.1 Minimum Standards

All Gas delivered to the Interconnection Point by or on behalf of the Shipper and all Gas delivered to the Delivery Point will conform to the quality specifications set out in the Transporter's Service Terms.

## 13. Measuring Equipment

### 13.1 Facilities and Equipment

FortisBC Energy will install, maintain and operate at the Delivery Point such metering and communications facilities and equipment as FortisBC Energy determines are necessary or desirable for measuring the quantity of Gas delivered pursuant to this Rate Schedule to the Shipper and the Shipper will permit FortisBC Energy, without cost to FortisBC Energy, to use the Shipper's communications lines and power for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating the measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy. Communication facilities and equipment will be installed at the cost of the Shipper.

### 13.2 Measuring Site

If FortisBC Energy reasonably determines that it is necessary to install the facilities and equipment referred to in Section 13.1 (Facilities and Equipment) on the Shipper's property, the Shipper will, without charge, provide a suitable site along with utilities and enclosures for the installation of the facilities and equipment of FortisBC Energy. FortisBC Energy will at all times have clear access to the site and to all of its facilities and equipment. All facilities and equipment installed by FortisBC Energy on the Shipper's property will remain the property of FortisBC Energy and may be removed by FortisBC Energy upon termination of the Transportation Agreement.

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### 13.3 Calibration and Test of Measuring Equipment

The accuracy of the measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy will be verified by standard tests and methods at regular intervals and at other times at the initiative of FortisBC Energy or upon the reasonable request of the Shipper. Notice of the time and nature of each test conducted in response to communications with or at the request of the Shipper will be given by FortisBC Energy to the Shipper sufficiently in advance to permit a representative of the Shipper to be present. If during a test the measuring equipment is found to be registering inaccurately, it will be adjusted at once to read as accurately as possible. The results of each test and adjustment, if any, made by FortisBC Energy, whether or not the Shipper is present for such test, will be accepted until the next test. All tests of such measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy will be made at the expense of FortisBC Energy, except that the Shipper will bear the expense of tests made at its request if the measuring equipment is found to be inaccurate by an amount equal to 2% or less.

### 13.4 Inaccuracy Exceeding 2%

If upon any test the measuring equipment is found to be inaccurate by an amount exceeding 2%, any previous readings of such equipment will be corrected to zero error for any period during which it is definitely known or is agreed upon that the error existed. If the period is not definitely known or is not agreed upon, such correction will be for a period covering the last half of the time elapsed since the date of the last test. Under no circumstances will an adjustment be made for a period of more than the preceding 12 months.

### 13.5 Correction of Measuring Errors

If the measuring equipment is out of service or out of repair so that the quantity of Gas delivered cannot be correctly determined by the reading thereof, the Gas delivered during the period such measuring equipment is out of service or out of repair will be estimated on the basis of the best available data, using the first of the following methods which is feasible:

- (a) by correcting the error if the percentage of error is ascertained by calibration test or mathematical calculation;
- (b) by using the registration of any check measuring equipment if installed and accurately registering; and
- (c) by estimating the quantity of Gas delivered to the Shipper during the preceding periods under similar conditions when the meter was registering accurately.

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**13.6 Shipper's Equipment**

The Shipper may at its own expense install, maintain and operate its own measuring equipment for the purposes of monitoring or checking the measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy, provided that the Shipper will install such equipment so as not to interfere with the operation of the measuring equipment of FortisBC Energy.

**13.7 Right to be Present**

FortisBC Energy and the Shipper will have the right to inspect all equipment installed or furnished by the other and the charts and other measurement or test data of the other at all times during business hours, and to be present at the time of any installing, testing, cleaning, changing, repairing, calibrating or adjusting done in connection with the measuring equipment of the other party, but all such activities will be performed by the party furnishing the measuring equipment.

**13.8 Preservation of Records**

Both parties will cause to be preserved each test datum, chart and other record of Gas measurement for a period of 2 years.

**14. Measurement**

**14.1 Unit of Volume**

The unit of volume of Gas for all purposes hereunder will be 1 cubic metre at a temperature of 15° Celsius and an absolute pressure of 101.325 kilopascals.

**14.2 Determination of Volume**

Gas delivered hereunder will be metered using metering apparatus approved by Measurement Canada and the determination of standard volumes delivered hereunder will be in accordance with terms and conditions pursuant to the *Electricity and Gas Inspection Act* of Canada.

**14.3 Conversion to Energy Units**

- 1.1 In accordance with the *Electricity and Gas Inspection Act* of Canada, volumes of Gas delivered each Day will be converted to energy units by multiplying the standard volume by the Heat Content of each unit of Gas. Volumes will be specified in 10<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup> rounded to

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two decimal places and energy will be specified in Gigajoules rounded to the nearest Gigajoule.

## 15. Representations, Warranties and Covenants

### 15.1 Title

The Shipper represents and warrants to FortisBC Energy that the Shipper will have good title to all Gas to be delivered to FortisBC Energy at the Interconnection Point on behalf of the Shipper from Suppliers other than FortisBC Energy, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and claims.

### 15.2 Title Not That of FortisBC Energy

FortisBC Energy agrees that title to all Gas transported pursuant to the Transportation Agreement remains with the Shipper.

### 15.3 Acknowledgement

The Shipper acknowledges that the Gas transported under the Transportation Agreement will be commingled with Gas within the FortisBC Energy System.

## 16. Default or Bankruptcy

### 16.1 Default

If the Shipper at any time fails or neglects:

- (a) to make any payment due to FortisBC Energy or to any other person under this Rate Schedule or the Transportation Agreement within 30 days after payment is due; or
- (b) to correct any default of any of the other terms, covenants, agreements, conditions or obligations imposed upon it under this Rate Schedule or the Transportation Agreement, within 30 days after FortisBC Energy gives to the Shipper notice of such default or, in the case of a default that cannot with due diligence be corrected within a period of 30 days, the Shipper fails to proceed promptly after the giving of such notice with due diligence to correct the same and thereafter to prosecute the correcting of such default with all due diligence,

then FortisBC Energy may in addition to any other remedy that it has, including the rights of FortisBC Energy set out in Sections 4.4 (Default Regarding Curtailment), and 6 (Unauthorized Use), at its option and without liability therefore:

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- (a) suspend further transportation Service to the Shipper and may refuse to deliver Gas to the Shipper until the default has been fully remedied, and no such suspension or refusal will relieve the Shipper from any obligation under this Rate Schedule or the Transportation Agreement; or
- (b) terminate the Transportation Agreement, and no such termination of the Transportation Agreement pursuant hereto will exclude the right of FortisBC Energy to collect any amount due to it from the Shipper for what would otherwise have been the remainder of the term of the Transportation Agreement.

## 16.2 Bankruptcy or Insolvency

If the Shipper becomes bankrupt or insolvent or commits or suffers an act of bankruptcy or insolvency or a receiver is appointed pursuant to a statute or under a debt instrument or the Shipper seeks protection from the demands of its creditors pursuant to any legislation enacted for that purpose, FortisBC Energy will have the right, at its sole discretion, to terminate the Transportation Agreement by giving notice in writing to the Shipper and thereupon FortisBC Energy may cease further delivery of Gas to the Shipper and the amount then outstanding for Gas provided under the Transportation Agreement will immediately be due and payable by the Shipper.

## 17. Notice

### 17.1 Notice

Any notice, request, statement or bill that is required to be given or that may be given under this Rate Schedule or under the Transportation Agreement will, unless otherwise specified, be in writing and will be considered as fully delivered when mailed, personally delivered or sent by fax or other method approved by FortisBC Energy to the other in accordance with the following:

<u>If to FortisBC Energy</u>	FORTISBC ENERGY INC.
MAILING ADDRESS:	16705 Fraser Highway Surrey, B.C. V4N 0E8
BILLING AND PAYMENT:	Attention: Industrial Billing Telephone: 1-855-873-8773 Email: industrial.billing@fortisbc.com Fax: (888) 224-2710

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## 18. Indemnity and Limitation on Liability

### 18.1 Limitation on Liability

FortisBC Energy, its employees, contractors or agents are not responsible or liable for any loss or damages for or on account of any interruption or curtailment of transportation Service permitted under the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy or this Rate Schedule.

### 18.2 Indemnity

The Shipper will indemnify and hold harmless each FortisBC Energy, its employees, contractors and agents from and against any and all adverse claims, losses, suits, actions, judgments, demands, debts, accounts, damages, costs, penalties and expenses (including all legal fees and disbursements) arising from or out of each of the following:

- (a) any defect in title to any Gas delivered to FortisBC Energy at the Interconnection Point on behalf of the Shipper from Suppliers other than FortisBC Energy, or arising from any charges that are applicable to the Gas delivered to FortisBC Energy;
- (b) Municipal Operating Fees not otherwise collected by FortisBC Energy under the Table of Charges;
- (c) nominations made in accordance with Sections 7 (Nomination) or 9 (Group Nominations and Balancing) of this Rate Schedule by FortisBC Energy to the Transporter with respect to the Shipper's transportation volumes, whether or not the Shipper is a member of a Group;
- (d) Gas delivered by the Transporter or Shipper to FortisBC Energy failing to meet the quality specifications set out in Section 12.1 (Minimum Standards) of this Rate Schedule; and
- (e) all federal, provincial, municipal taxes (or payments made in lieu thereof) and royalties, whether payable on the delivery of Gas to FortisBC Energy by the Shipper or on the delivery of Gas to the Shipper by FortisBC Energy, or on any other Service provided by FortisBC Energy to the Shipper.

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**18.3 Principal Obligant**

If the Shipper is a member of a Group, the obligations of each of the Shipper Agent (acting for and on behalf of the Shippers that are members of the Group) and the Shipper (in the event of the failure of the Shipper Agent to make such payments and limited to the charges related to that Shipper) to pay to, or to the order of, FortisBC Energy the charges for Backstopping Gas, Balancing Gas, and Unauthorized Overrun Gas charges set out in the Table of Charges, are those of principal obligant and not of surety and are independent of the respective obligations of the Shipper Agent and the Shipper towards each other pursuant to the Shipper Agent Agreement.

**19. Force Majeure**

**19.1 Force Majeure**

Subject to the other provisions of this Section 19 (Force Majeure), if either party is unable or fails by reason of Force Majeure to perform in whole or in part any obligation or covenant set out in this Rate Schedule under which Service is rendered or in the Transportation Agreement, the obligations of both FortisBC Energy and the Shipper will be suspended to the extent necessary for the period of the Force Majeure condition.

**19.2 Curtailment Notice**

If FortisBC Energy claims suspension pursuant to this Section 19 (Force Majeure), FortisBC Energy will be deemed to have issued to the Shipper a notice of curtailment.

**19.3 Exceptions**

Neither party will be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of Section 19.1 (Force Majeure) under any of the following circumstances:

- (a) to the extent that the failure was caused by the negligence or contributory negligence of the party claiming suspension;
- (b) to the extent that the failure was caused by the party claiming suspension having failed to diligently attempt to remedy the condition and to resume the performance of the covenants or obligations with reasonable dispatch; or

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- (c) unless as soon as possible after the happening of the occurrence relied on or as soon as possible after determining that the occurrence was in the nature of Force Majeure and would affect the claiming party's ability to observe or perform any of its covenants or obligations under the Rate Schedule or the Transportation Agreement, the party claiming suspension will have given to the other party notice to the effect that the party is unable by reason of Force Majeure (the nature of which will be specified) to perform the particular covenants or obligations.

**19.4 Notice to Resume**

The party claiming suspension will likewise give notice, as soon as possible after the Force Majeure condition has been remedied, to the effect that it has been remedied and that the party has resumed, or is then in a position to resume, the performance of the covenants or obligations.

**19.5 Settlement of Labour Disputes**

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Section 19 (Force Majeure), the settlement of labour disputes or industrial disturbances will be entirely within the discretion of the particular party involved and the party may make settlement of it at the time and on terms and conditions as it may deem to be advisable and no delay in making settlement will deprive the party of the benefit of Section 19.1 (Force Majeure).

**19.6 No Exemption for Payments**

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Section 19 (Force Majeure), Force Majeure will not relieve or release either party from its obligations to make payments to the other.

**19.7 Periodic Repair by FortisBC Energy**

FortisBC Energy may temporarily shut off the delivery of Gas for the purpose of repairing or replacing a portion of the FortisBC Energy System or its equipment and FortisBC Energy will make reasonable efforts to give the Shipper as much notice as possible with respect to such interruption, not to be less than 8 hours prior notice except when prevented by Force Majeure. FortisBC Energy will make reasonable efforts to schedule repairs or replacement to minimize interruption or curtailment of transportation Service to the Shipper, and to restore Service as quickly as possible.

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## 19.8 Shipper's Gas

If FortisBC Energy curtails or interrupts transportation of Gas by reason of Force Majeure the Shipper will make its supply of Gas available to FortisBC Energy, to the extent required by FortisBC Energy, to maintain Service priority to those customers or classes of customers which FortisBC Energy determines should be served. FortisBC Energy, in its sole discretion, will either increase the balance in the Shipper's inventory account by the amount taken by FortisBC Energy and return an equivalent quantity of Gas to the Shipper as soon as reasonable, or pay the Shipper an amount equal to either FortisBC Energy's average Gas cost, or the Shipper's average Gas cost, for the Day(s) during which such Gas was taken, whichever Gas cost the Shipper, in its sole discretion, elects.

## 19.9 Alteration of Facilities

The Shipper will pay to FortisBC Energy all reasonable costs associated with the alteration of facilities made at the discretion of FortisBC Energy to measure quantities reduced by reason of Force Majeure claimed by the Shipper and to restore such facilities after the Force Majeure condition ends.

## 20. Arbitration

### 20.1 Arbitration

Any dispute between the parties arising from this Rate Schedule or the Transportation Agreement will be resolved by a single arbitrator pursuant to the *Arbitration Act* of British Columbia or successor legislation, save as expressly provided herein.

### 20.2 Demand for Arbitration

Either party may commence arbitration proceedings by sending to the other party a demand for arbitration setting out the nature of the dispute.

### 20.3 Arbitrator

The parties will have 10 days from receipt of the demand referred to in Section 20.2 (Demand for Arbitration) of this Rate Schedule to agree upon the arbitrator, failing which either party may apply to the Supreme Court of British Columbia to select the arbitrator. The arbitrator must be sufficiently qualified by education and training to decide the particular questions in dispute. Unless otherwise agreed, the arbitrator may not be a past or present employee, officer or director of any of the parties or their respective successors or affiliates, any customer or supplier of the Shipper or FortisBC Energy.

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## 20.4 Commencement and Decision

The arbitrator will proceed immediately to hear and determine the matter in dispute and will render a written decision, signed by the arbitrator, within 45 days after the appointment, subject to any reasonable delay due to unforeseen circumstances. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the arbitrator fails to render a decision within 60 days after the appointment then either party may elect to have a new arbitrator appointed in like manner as if none had previously been appointed.

## 20.5 Decision

The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon the parties and the parties will abide by the decision and perform the terms and conditions thereof.

# 21. Interpretation

## 21.1 Interpretation

Except where the context requires otherwise or except as otherwise expressly provided, in this Rate Schedule or in a Transportation Agreement:

- (a) all references to a designated section are to the designated section of this Rate Schedule unless otherwise specifically stated;
- (b) the singular of any term includes the plural, and vice versa, and the use of any term is equally applicable to any gender and, where applicable, body corporate;
- (c) any reference to a corporate entity includes and is also a reference to any corporate entity that is a successor to such entity;
- (d) all words, phrases and expressions used in this Rate Schedule or in a Transportation Agreement that have a common usage in the gas industry and that are not defined in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy, the Definitions or in the Transportation Agreement have the meanings commonly ascribed thereto in the gas industry; and
- (e) the headings of the sections set out in this Rate Schedule or in the Transportation Agreement are for convenience of reference only and will not be considered in any interpretation of this Rate Schedule or the Transportation Agreement.

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## **22. Miscellaneous**

### **22.1 Waiver**

No waiver by either FortisBC Energy or the Shipper of any default by the other in the performance of any of the provisions of this Rate Schedule or the Transportation Agreement will operate or be construed as a waiver of any other or future default or defaults, whether of a like or different character.

### **22.2 Enurement**

The Transportation Agreement will enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, including without limitation successors by merger, amalgamation or consolidation.

### **22.3 Assignment**

The Shipper will not assign the Transportation Agreement or any of its rights and obligations thereunder without the prior written consent of FortisBC Energy which consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. No assignment will release the Shipper from its obligations under this Rate Schedule or under the Transportation Agreement that existed prior to the date on which the assignment takes effect. This provision applies to every proposed assignment by the Shipper.

### **22.4 Amendments to be in Writing**

Except as set out in this Rate Schedule, no amendment or variation of the Transportation Agreement will be effective or binding upon the parties unless such amendment or variation is set out in writing and duly executed by the parties.

### **22.5 Proper Law**

The Transportation Agreement will be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **22.6 Time is of Essence**

Time is of the essence of this Rate Schedule, the Transportation Agreement and of the terms and conditions thereof.

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**22.7 Subject to Legislation**

Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, this Rate Schedule and the Transportation Agreement and the rights and obligations of FortisBC Energy and the Shipper under this Rate Schedule and the Transportation Agreement are subject to all present and future laws, rules, regulations and orders of any legislative body, governmental agency or duly constituted authority now or hereafter having jurisdiction over FortisBC Energy or the Shipper.

**22.8 Further Assurances**

Each of FortisBC Energy and the Shipper will, on demand by the other, execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered all such further documents and instruments and do all such further acts and things as the other may reasonably require to evidence, carry out and give full effect to the terms, conditions, intent and meaning of this Rate Schedule and the Transportation Agreement and to assure the completion of the transactions contemplated hereby.

**22.9 Form of Payments**

All payments required to be made under statements and invoices rendered pursuant to this Rate Schedule or the Transportation Agreement will be made by wire transfer to, or cheque or bank cashier's cheque drawn on a Canadian chartered bank or trust company, payable in lawful money of Canada at par in immediately available funds in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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## Table of Charges

Fort Nelson  
Service Area

### Transportation

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. <b>Basic Charge</b> per Month                         | <b>\$ 600.00</b>       |
| 2. Demand Charge per Month per Gigajoule of Daily Demand | \$ 35.892 <sup>2</sup> |
| 3. Delivery Charge per Gigajoule                         | \$ 1.189               |
| 4. Administrative Charge per Month                       | \$ 39.00               |

### Sales

#### 5. **Unauthorized Overrun Gas charges**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| (a) Per Gigajoule on first 5 percent of specified quantity        | Station 2 Daily Price <sup>1</sup>  |
| (b) Per Gigajoule on all Gas over 5 percent of specified quantity | The greater of \$20.00/GJ or 1.5 x the Station 2 Daily Price <sup>1</sup> |

#### 6. **Charge per Gigajoule of Balancing Service provided**

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| (a) Quantities of Gas less than 10% of the Rate Schedule 25 Authorized Quantity   |           |
| (i) between and including April 1 and October 31  | No charge |
| (ii) between and including November 1 and March 31  | No charge |
| (b) Quantities of Gas over the greater of 100 Gigajoules or equal to or in excess of 10% or less than 20% of the Rate Schedule 25 Authorized Quantity |           |
| (i) between and including April 1 and October 31  | \$ 0.25   |
| (ii) between and including November 1 and March 31  | \$ 0.25   |
| (c) Quantities of Gas over the greater of 100 Gigajoules or equal to or in excess of 20% of the Rate Schedule 25 Authorized Quantity                  |           |
| (i) between and including April 1 and October 31  | \$ 0.30   |
| (ii) between and including November 1 and March 31  | \$ 1.10   |

#### 7. **Charge per Gigajoule of Balancing and Backstopping Gas** Station 2 Daily Price<sup>1</sup>

**Delivery Margin Related Rider**

**Rider 5** (Reserved for future use.)

**Minimum Charge per month**

The minimum charge per Month will be the aggregate of the Basic Charge, Demand Charges, and the transportation Administrative Charge.

**Permanent Rate Establishment**

Pursuant to British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-277-21, delivery rates were set on an interim basis for consumption on and after January 1, 2022. Pursuant to British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-114-22, delivery rates are approved as permanent and implemented for consumption on and after January 1, 2022.

C/N/O

**Notes:**

1. As defined under Section 1.1, the Station 2 Daily Price quoted each Day will apply to Gas consumed on that gas day.
2. Daily Demand is equal to 1.10 multiplied by the greater of:
  - (f) the Customer's highest average daily consumption of any month during the winter period (November 1 to March 31), or
  - (g) one half of the Customer's highest average daily consumption of any month during the summer period (April 1 to October 31).

The calculation of Daily Demand will be based on the Customer's actual gas use during the preceding Contract Year.

**TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT  
FOR RATE SCHEDULE 25**

This Agreement is dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, between FortisBC Energy Inc. ("FortisBC Energy") and \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Shipper").

**WHEREAS:**

- A. FortisBC Energy owns and operates the FortisBC Energy System; and
- B. The Shipper has requested that FortisBC Energy arrange for the transportation of Gas on a firm basis through the FortisBC Energy System to \_\_\_\_\_ located in or near \_\_\_\_\_ British Columbia in accordance with Rate Schedule 25 as set out below and the terms set out herein..

**NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES THAT** in consideration of the terms, conditions and limitations contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

**1. Specific Information**

Firm DTQ / DTQ: \_\_\_\_\_ Gigajoules per day

Shipper Agent and/or Group, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Commencement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(only specify expiry date if term of Transportation Agreement is not to automatically renewed from Year to Year as set out in Section 10.2 of Rate Schedule 25)

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Interconnection Point: The point at (\_\_\_\_\_ km-post \_\_\_\_\_) where the Transporter's pipeline system in British Columbia interconnects with the FortisBC Energy System.

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Address of Shipper for receiving notices:

\_\_\_\_\_ Attention: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of Shipper)

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(address of Shipper)

\_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The information set out above is hereby approved by the parties and each reference in either this agreement or Rate Schedule 25 to any such information is to the information set out above.

## 2. Rate Schedule 25

### 2.1 Additional Terms

All rates, terms and conditions set out in Rate Schedule 25 and the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy, as any of them may be amended by FortisBC Energy and approved from time to time by the British Columbia Utilities Commission, are in addition to the terms and conditions contained in this Transportation Agreement and form part of this Transportation Agreement and bind FortisBC Energy and the Shipper as if set out in this Transportation Agreement.

### 2.2 Payment of Amounts

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Shipper will pay to FortisBC Energy all of the amounts set out in Rate Schedule 25 for the Services provided under such Rate Schedule 25 and this Transportation Agreement.

### 2.3 Conflict

Where anything in either Rate Schedule 25 or the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy conflicts with any of the terms and conditions set out in this Transportation Agreement, this Transportation Agreement governs. Where anything in Rate Schedule 25 conflicts with any of the rates, terms and conditions set out in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy, Rate Schedule 25 governs.

**2.4 Member of a Group**

Where the Shipper will be a member of a Group which has a Shipper Agent acting as agent for the members of the Group, the Shipper must complete Appendix A attached to this Transportation Agreement and the Shipper thereby agrees that the terms and conditions of Appendix A form part of this Transportation Agreement and bind the Shipper as if set out in this Transportation Agreement.

**2.5 Acknowledgement**

The Shipper acknowledges receiving and reading a copy of Rate Schedule 25 and the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy and agrees to comply with and be bound by all terms and conditions set out therein. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, where the transportation Service is interruptible, the Shipper acknowledges that it is able to accommodate such interruption or curtailment and releases FortisBC Energy from any liability for the Shipper's inability to accommodate such interruption or curtailment of transportation Service.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have executed this Transportation Agreement.

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(here insert name of Shipper)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name – Please Print)

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**APPENDIX A**  
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SHIPPER AGENT**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Shipper) hereby gives notice to FortisBC Energy that Shipper has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ (the Shipper Agent) to act as agent for Shipper in all matters relating to gas supply and to transportation Service on the FortisBC Energy System. Shipper also gives notice to FortisBC Energy that Shipper wishes to be a member of a Group and the Shipper will cause the Shipper Agent to enter into a Shipper Agent Agreement or other agreement with FortisBC Energy that binds the Shipper Agent to pay the charges which the Shipper Agent elects to pay for and on behalf of the Shipper.  
(Name of Shipper) (Name of Shipper Agent)
2. Shipper acknowledges and agrees that the Shipper Agent will provide aggregate nominations for the Group to FortisBC Energy.
3. Shipper acknowledges and agrees that when there are constraints or limitations of Gas supply FortisBC Energy will notify the Shipper Agent and it will then be the responsibility of the Shipper Agent to notify Shipper of any curtailment or interruption arising from the constraint or limitation of Gas supply.
4. Shipper acknowledges and agrees that the Shipper Agent will provide FortisBC Energy with information which will be used by FortisBC Energy to bill Shipper for Backstopping Gas, Balancing Gas, and Unauthorized Overrun Gas charges.
5. Shipper acknowledges that FortisBC Energy will bill Shipper on the basis of information provided to FortisBC Energy by the Shipper Agent. Shipper agrees that it is bound by the information supplied to FortisBC Energy by the Shipper Agent and Shipper agrees that it will not dispute the information provided to FortisBC Energy by the Shipper Agent. Shipper agrees that the Shipper Agent may elect to pay some or all of the charges for Gas identified in Section 3.6 (Monthly Billing Information) of the standard form Shipper Agent Agreement and Shipper acknowledges that if the Shipper Agent fails to provide information to FortisBC Energy then notwithstanding any election that has been made by the Shipper Agent to pay some or all of the charges for Gas identified in Section 3.6 (Monthly Billing Information) of the standard form Shipper Agent Agreement, FortisBC Energy will bill Shipper directly on the bases set out in Section 3.7 (Lack of Allocation Information) of the standard form Shipper Agent Agreement of FortisBC Energy. Shipper agrees to pay FortisBC Energy as billed, and if Shipper disagrees with any of the billing information used by FortisBC Energy the Shipper will deal with the Shipper Agent to resolve that disagreement. Disputes between the Shipper and the Shipper Agent will not constitute a basis for non-payment by Shipper to FortisBC Energy of the amounts billed.
6. Shipper will provide FortisBC Energy with 30 days notice, except with the prior approval from FortisBC Energy, if Shipper wishes to leave the Group, to be effective on the beginning of the next calendar month following the expiry of the notice period.

7. Shipper acknowledges and agrees that FortisBC Energy may disband the Group pursuant to Section 10 (Disbanding of the Group) of the standard form Shipper Agent Agreement.
8. Shipper will indemnify and hold harmless each of FortisBC Energy, its employees, contractors and agents from and against any and all adverse claims, losses, suits, actions, judgments, demands, debts, accounts, damages, costs, penalties and expenses (including all legal fees and disbursements) arising from any act or omission of the Shipper Agent related to the agency created by the Shipper Agent Agreement
9. Shipper acknowledges receiving a copy of the standard form Shipper Agent Agreement of FortisBC Energy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(here insert name of Shipper)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name - Please Print)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE A  
SHIPPER AGENT AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, between FortisBC Energy Inc. ("FortisBC Energy") and \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Shipper Agent").

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Shipper Agent wishes to act as agent on behalf of all members of a Group in respect of transportation Service on the FortisBC Energy System; and
- B. The Shippers who are members of the Group have entered into Transportation Agreements with FortisBC Energy.

**NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES THAT** in consideration of the terms, conditions and limitations contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

**1. Specific Information**

Members of Group:  
(if space is insufficient, continue list on an additional page)

Commencement Date of this agreement:

\_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date of this agreement:

\_\_\_\_\_

(no expiry date need be specified)

Address of Shipper Agent for receiving notices:

\_\_\_\_\_

(name of Shipper Agent)

\_\_\_\_\_

(address of Shipper Agent)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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Alternate Tel(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The information set out above is hereby approved by the parties and each reference in either this agreement or Rate Schedule 25 to any such information is to the information set out above.

## **2. Definitions**

### **2.1 Definitions in Rate Schedule 25**

Except where the context requires otherwise or except as otherwise expressly provided in this agreement, all words and phrases defined in Rate Schedule 25 or in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy have the meanings set out in the Rate Schedule 25 and in the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy.

## **3. Shipper Agent Obligations**

### **3.1 Management of Balancing Gas**

The Shipper Agent is responsible for the management of all Balancing Gas for the Group and its members.

### **3.2 Management of Backstopping Gas**

The Shipper Agent is responsible for the management of all Backstopping Gas supplied by FortisBC Energy to the Group and its members.

### **3.3 Group Nominations and Balancing**

The Shipper Agent will provide Group nomination and balancing to FortisBC Energy in accordance with Section 9 (Group Nominations and Balancing).

### **3.4 Standard Gas Supply Priority Schedule (Standard Priority Schedule)**

Before the Commencement Date of this agreement and before the commencement of each Contract Year the Shipper Agent will provide to FortisBC Energy a Standard Priority Schedule which will advise FortisBC Energy of the priority between members of the Group if a constraint or limitation of Gas supply occurs. The Shipper Agent may provide to FortisBC Energy a revised Standard Priority Schedule from time to time and will provide to FortisBC Energy a revised Standard Priority Schedule if there is a change in membership of the Group.

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### 3.5 Gas Supply Constraints or Limitations

Upon receipt of a notice from FortisBC Energy of curtailment or interruptions pursuant to Section 4.4 (Notice of Gas Supply Constraint or Limitation) Shipper Agent will determine the allocation of Gas supply between members of the Group and will notify the Shippers which are members of the Group of the curtailment or interruption. Within two hours of receipt of notice from FortisBC Energy pursuant to Section 4.4, or such longer period as FortisBC Energy considers reasonable in the circumstances, the Shipper Agent will provide to FortisBC Energy a schedule setting out the Gas supply allocation for the Group to apply during that curtailment or interruption. If the Shipper Agent fails to provide a schedule setting out the Gas supply allocation for the Group to apply during the curtailment or interruption then FortisBC Energy will curtail Shippers on the basis set out in the Standard Priority Schedule.

### 3.6 Monthly Billing Information

At the end of each month, and within two Business Days of FortisBC Energy providing to the Shipper Agent a schedule of charges incurred (if any) pursuant to Section 4.2 (Monthly Provision of Data), the Shipper Agent will notify FortisBC Energy which charges the Shipper Agent elects to pay on behalf of the members of the Group and, if notice is not received, FortisBC Energy will bill the Shippers directly on a pro-rata basis.

### 3.7 Lack of Allocation Information

If, at the end of a month, the Shipper Agent fails to provide to FortisBC Energy the monthly allocation schedule of charges incurred (if any) pursuant to Section 3.6 (Monthly Billing Information) then FortisBC Energy will bill on the basis of the best available information. For Balancing Gas FortisBC Energy will bill on a basis proportional to the actual takes of the Shippers during the month. For Backstopping Gas FortisBC Energy will bill on a basis proportional to the actual Day-to-Day takes of the Shippers during the Days when Backstopping Gas was supplied. For Unauthorized Overrun Gas FortisBC Energy will bill on the basis of the schedule(s) setting out the Gas supply allocation for the Group provided to FortisBC Energy pursuant to Section 3.6, or if the Shipper Agent fails to provide a schedule pursuant to Section 3.6, then on the basis of the applicable Standard Priority Schedule provided by the Shipper Agent pursuant to Section 3.4 (Standard Gas Supply Priority Schedule (Standard Priority Schedule)). If further information becomes available, FortisBC Energy will adjust the billings on the basis of the further information.

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### 3.8 Charges for Extra Services

If FortisBC Energy incurs extra expenses from a Shipper Agent failing to provide information, or failing to provide information in a timely manner, or failing to provide correct information, or otherwise failing to meet its obligations under this agreement, then FortisBC Energy may charge the Shipper Agent for such extra expenses and the Shipper Agent agrees to pay FortisBC Energy the reasonable extra expenses incurred as a result of such failure.

## 4. FortisBC Energy Obligations

### 4.1 Daily Provision of Data

FortisBC Energy will provide to the Shipper Agent a report on the Web Information and Nomination System ("WINS") setting out FortisBC Energy's best available data on the daily takes of the Group both by individual Shipper and in aggregate on a daily basis

### 4.2 Monthly Provision of Data

Within 10 working days after the end of each month FortisBC Energy will provide to the Shipper Agent a report on the WINS setting out the finalized daily takes of each member of the Group.

### 4.3 Capacity Constraints

If FortisBC Energy, acting reasonably, determines that it does not have capacity on the FortisBC Energy System to accommodate interruptible transportation Service to any member of the Group then FortisBC Energy will directly notify that Shipper pursuant to Notice of Curtailment Section of the applicable Rate Schedule and will deal directly with the Shipper if the Shipper takes Unauthorized Overrun Gas or Unauthorized Transportation Service.

### 4.4 Notice of Gas Supply Constraint or Limitation

If Gas supply constraints or limitations occur; either due to a constraint or limitation of supply from FortisBC Energy of Backstopping Gas or Balancing Gas, or a constraint or limitation of supply from another Supplier; FortisBC Energy will notify the Shipper Agent of any curtailment or interruption, will specify the quantity of Gas to which the Group in aggregate is curtailed and the time at which time such curtailment is to be made. FortisBC Energy will make reasonable efforts to give the Shipper Agent as much notice as possible with respect to such curtailment or interruption, not to be less than 4 hours prior notice unless prevented by Force Majeure.

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## 5. Changes to Group

### 5.1 Amendments to Group

Schedule A sets out the Shippers who are the members of the Group represented by the Shipper Agent to this agreement. No additions or deletions may be made to the Group without the Shipper Agent providing notice to FortisBC Energy, in a method approved by FortisBC Energy, showing such additions and deletions and the effective dates of such additions and deletions in accordance with Section 5 (Changes to Group) of this agreement.

### 5.2 Deletions From Group

If the Shipper Agent wishes to cease acting as agent for a Shipper or a Shipper wishes to cease being a member of the Group, upon receipt by FortisBC Energy of not less than, except with the prior approval of FortisBC Energy, 30 days prior written notice, or other method approved by FortisBC Energy, from either the Shipper or Shipper Agent and provided that the Shipper Agent has provided to FortisBC Energy the effective date of deletion of the Shipper from the Group such Shipper will be deleted from the Group on the beginning of the next calendar month following the expiry of the notice period.

### 5.3 Additions To Group

If the Shipper Agent wishes to add a Shipper to a Group and the Shipper wishes to be added to the Group, and the Shipper has entered into a Transportation Agreement and completed an Appendix A - Notice of Appointment of Shipper Agent, and both the Shipper and the Shipper Agent have given to FortisBC Energy not less than, except with the prior approval from FortisBC Energy, 30 days prior written notice, or other method approved by FortisBC Energy, of such addition and provided that the Shipper Agent has provided to FortisBC Energy the effective date of the addition of the Shipper to the Group, such Shipper will be added to the Group effective on the beginning of the next calendar month following the expiry of the notice period.

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## 6. Statements and Payments

### 6.1 Statements to be Provided

If the Shipper Agent elects to pay some or all of the charges for Gas taken by the Shippers as described in Section 3.6 (Monthly Billing Information), FortisBC Energy will, on or about the 15th day of each month, deliver to the Shipper Agent a statement for the preceding month showing the Gas quantities, and the applicable charges for which the Shipper Agent is responsible and the amount due. Any errors in any statement will be promptly reported to the other party as provided hereunder, and statements will be final and binding unless questioned within one year after the date of the statement.

### 6.2 Payment and Interest

Payment for the full amount of the statement, including federal, provincial and municipal taxes or fees applicable thereon, will be made to, or to the order of, FortisBC Energy at its Surrey, British Columbia office (mailing address: P.O. Box 6666 Stn. Terminal, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 6M9), or such other place in Canada as it will designate, on or before the 1st Business Day after the 10th calendar day following the billing date. If the Shipper Agent or Shipper fails or neglects to make any payment required under this Shipper Agent Agreement, or any portion thereof, to or to the order of FortisBC Energy when due, interest on the outstanding amount will accrue, at the rate of interest declared by the chartered bank in Canada principally used by FortisBC Energy, for loans in Canadian dollars to its most creditworthy commercial borrowers payable on demand and commonly referred to as its "prime rate", plus:

- (a) 2% from the date when such payment was due for the first 30 days that such payment remains unpaid and 5% thereafter until the same is paid where the Shipper Agent or Shipper has not, during the immediately preceding 6 month period, failed to make any payment when due hereunder; or
- (b) 5% from the date when such payment was due to and including the date the same is paid where the Shipper Agent or Shipper has, during the immediately preceding 6 month period, failed to make any payment when due hereunder.

## 7. Term

### 7.1 Term

The term of this agreement will commence on the Commencement Date specified in Section 1 (Specific Information) of this agreement and will expire either:

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- (c) 30 days following written notice from the Shipper Agent that the Shipper Agent wishes to cease to nominate for transportation Service and balancing on behalf of the Group; or
- (d) the expiry or termination of the Transportation Agreements of all of the members of the Group; or
- (e) the expiry date specified in Section 1 (Specific Information) of this agreement; or
- (f) 5 days following notice from FortisBC Energy to the Shipper Agent, and to the Shippers which are members of the Group, under Section 10.1 (Failure to Provide Information) and Section 10.2 (Default).

whichever date is earlier.

## 7.2 Survival of Covenants

Upon the termination of this agreement:

- (a) all claims, causes of action or other outstanding obligations remaining or being unfulfilled as at the date of termination; and
- (b) all of the provisions in this agreement relating to the obligation of either of the parties to provide information to the other in connection with this agreement,

will survive such termination.

## 8. Representations, Warranties and Covenants

### 8.1 Representations and Warranties

The Shipper Agent represents and warrants to and covenants with FortisBC Energy as follows:

- (a) the members of the Group are listed in Section 1 (Specific Information) of this agreement;
- (b) the Shipper Agent is the agent of each of the members of the Group and has the authority of each of the members of the Group for the purposes of any and all matters set out in the applicable transportation Rate Schedule and this agreement; and
- (c) FortisBC Energy may rely on any act or thing done, or document executed, by the Shipper Agent in connection with of any and all matters set out in the applicable transportation Rate Schedule and this agreement.

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## 9. Limitation on Liability and Indemnity

### 9.1 Limitation on Liability

Neither FortisBC Energy, its employees, contractors or agents will be liable in damages for or on account of any interruption or curtailment of transportation Service or Gas supply.

### 9.2 Indemnity

The Shipper Agent will indemnify and hold harmless each of FortisBC Energy, its employees, contractors and agents from and against any and all adverse claims, losses, suits, actions, judgments, demands, debts, accounts, damages, costs, penalties and expenses (including all legal fees and disbursements) arising from any act or omission of the Shipper Agent related to the agency created by the Shipper Agent Agreement.

## 10. Disbanding of the Group

### 10.1 Failure to Provide Information

If the Shipper Agent fails to provide FortisBC Energy with the information or schedules which the Shipper Agent is required to provide to FortisBC Energy pursuant to this agreement or is otherwise in breach of this agreement then, acting reasonably in the circumstances and on 5 days notice to the Shipper Agent and to the members of the Group, FortisBC Energy may disband the Group and deal directly with the Shippers which were members of the Group.

### 10.2 Default

If any Shipper which is a member of the Group is in default under the Default or Bankruptcy Section of the applicable Rate Schedule or becomes bankrupt or insolvent, then that Shipper will cease to be a member of the Group.

## 11. Arbitration

### 11.1 Arbitration

Any dispute between the parties arising from this agreement will be resolved by a single arbitrator pursuant to the *Arbitration Act* of British Columbia or successor legislation, save as expressly provided herein.

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## 11.2 Demand for Arbitration

Either party may commence arbitration proceedings by sending to the other party a demand for arbitration setting out the nature of the dispute.

## 11.3 Arbitrator

The parties will have 10 days from receipt of the demand referred to in Section 11.2 (Demand for Arbitration) to agree upon the arbitrator, failing which either party may apply to the Supreme Court of British Columbia to select the arbitrator. The arbitrator must be sufficiently qualified by education and training to decide the particular questions in dispute. Unless otherwise agreed, the arbitrator may not be a past or present employee, officer or director of either of the parties or their respective successors of affiliates, any supplier of the Shipper or FortisBC Energy, or any member of the Group.

## 11.4 Commencement and Decision

The arbitrator will proceed immediately to hear and determine the matter in dispute and will render a written decision, signed by the arbitrator, within 45 days after the appointment, subject to any reasonable delay due to unforeseen circumstances. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the arbitrator fails to render a decision within 60 days after the appointment then either party may elect to have a new arbitrator appointed in like manner as if none had previously been appointed.

## 11.5 Decision

The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon the parties and the parties will abide by the decision and perform the terms and conditions thereof.

# 12. Notice

## 12.1 Notice

Any notice, request, statement or bill that is required to be given or that may be given under this agreement will, unless otherwise specified, be in writing and will be considered as fully delivered when mailed, personally delivered, or sent by fax or other method approved by FortisBC Energy to the other party.

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### 13. Acknowledgement

#### 13.1 Acknowledgement

The Shipper Agent acknowledges receiving and reading a copy of Rate Schedule 25 and the General Terms and Conditions of FortisBC Energy and will comply with and be bound by all terms and conditions set out therein.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have executed this agreement.

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(here insert name of Shipper Agent)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name – Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name – Please Print)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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