

Re: Energy Resource Activities Act Requirements

The ENERGY RESOURCE ACTIVITIES ACT (S. 76) requires that written permission be obtained prior to commencing an activity within 30 metres (m) of a high-pressure natural gas pipeline (Transmission pressure pipeline or Intermediate pressure pipeline transmitting natural gas at or greater than 700 kPa). Based on the underground pipeline location information request provided by BC 1 Call, we have determined that the activity is near FortisBC's high pressure pipeline(s) and, as a result, FortisBC will provide you with further instructions before the activity can proceed.

Please refer to attached mapping package and locate the area where you will be working. A boundary indicating a zone extending 30 m on either side of our high-pressure pipeline(s) has been marked on the map.

NOTE: Please be aware that FortisBC operates Distribution pressure natural gas pipeline(s) in the vicinity of the high-pressure natural gas pipelines. Refer to the information accompanying this letter for further information regarding working around Distribution pressure natural gas pipelines.

Activities Requiring a Permit

- If the activity is:
 - within 10 m of a **FortisBC Transmission pressure pipeline(s)**;
 - within 2 m of a **FortisBC Intermediate pressure pipeline(s)**;
 - inside a **FortisBC Statutory Right of Way**;
 - requires crossing a **FortisBC high pressure pipeline(s)**;
 - involves (i) preloading, blasting, large excavations that may or may not require engineered shoring (such as sheet piles, shoring anchors etc.) or (ii) work within a geohazard area (such as slide areas, steep slopes, soft or unstable soils); or
 - requires vehicles and/or construction equipment to cross over, or operate within 3 m of FortisBC's high-pressure pipeline(s) outside the travelled portion of a road,

you are **not authorized** to proceed with the activity and **must apply for a permit** at <http://www.fortisbc.com/RightOfWay>.

Activities Requiring Written Permission**1. Written Permission issued by FortisBC Required**

- If the activity is:
 - between 30 m to 10 m of a **FortisBC Transmission pressure pipeline(s)**; or
 - between 10 m to 2 m of a **FortisBC Intermediate pressure pipeline(s)**,

you are **not authorized** to proceed with the activity and must **wait** until FortisBC contacts you and provides further instructions. These steps will take additional time, depending on the nature of the activity.

2. Automatic Written Permission

- So long as the activity:
 - is confined to an area **between 30 m to 10 m from FortisBC's Intermediate pressure pipeline(s)**;
 - is outside of a FortisBC Statutory Right of Way; **and**
 - does not involve (i) preloading, blasting, large excavations that may or may not require engineered shoring (such as sheet piles, shoring anchors etc.) or (ii) work within a geohazard area (such as slide areas, steep slopes, soft or unstable soils),

this letter is your written permission* to proceed with the activity in accordance with the attached conditions, if any, and subject to all other permissions required from other applicable agencies having jurisdiction.

Activity Does NOT Require a Permit or Written Permission

- So long as the activity:
 - is confined to an area **more than 30 m** from FortisBC's high-pressure pipeline(s);
 - is outside of a FortisBC Statutory Right of Way; **and**
 - does not involve (i) preloading, blasting, large excavations that may or may not require engineered shoring (such as sheet piles, shoring anchors etc.) or (ii) work within a geohazard area (such as slide areas, steep slopes, soft or unstable soils),

permission from FortisBC is not required provided the activity commences within 10 business days of the date of this letter.

NOTE: If the activity is delayed more than 10 business days from the date of this letter, you must contact BC 1 CALL at <http://www.bc1c.ca> or call 1-800-474-6886 to extend the validity of your ticket and you must obtain updated information from FortisBC prior to commencing the activity.

If you have any questions, contact the FortisBC Permitting Department at ProtectionAndPermitting@fortisbc.com or call 1-877-599-0996.

* This authorization is valid for one year provided that (i) any attached conditions are complied with and (ii) the activity commences within 10 business days of the date of this letter. If the activity is delayed for more than 10 business days from the date of this letter, you must contact BC 1 CALL at <http://www.bc1c.ca> or call 1-800-474-6886 to extend the validity of your ticket and **you must not proceed** with the activity until you have obtained authorization from FortisBC prior to commencing the activity. **If the scope of activity is not as described above or conditions have changed, you are not authorized** to proceed. If you have any questions, contact the FortisBC Permitting Department at protectionandpermitting@fortisbc.com or call 1-877-599-0996.