

Operational Changes: Imbalance Return & Hold to Authorize

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As per Westcoast Critical notice #56576 ([Notice: #56576 \(wei-pipeline.com\)](#)) advising of reduced capacity due to electrical issues at Station 4B, effective the Evening cycle for gas day March 2 until further notice, the following operational restrictions will be in place for the **Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, and Interior** service areas:

- Imbalance return reduced to zero
- Hold to Authorize

These two restrictions do not apply to customers in the Columbia or East Kootenay regions.

When Imbalance Return is reduced to zero combined with the Hold to Authorize restriction, Shippers should not use their inventory as a source of supply. If a Shipper or Group, as applicable, takes Unauthorized Overrun Gas (i.e., gas in excess of the authorized amount), then unauthorized overrun charges will apply as per the applicable Rate Schedule. Specifically, the first 5% will be charged at the Sumas Daily Price. Gas taken in excess of 5% will be charged the greater of CAD \$20.00 per gigajoule or the Sumas Daily Price times 1.5.

FEI will continue to monitor the situation and will adjust and/or remove these operation restrictions once Westcoast has resumed full firm capacity.

FortisBC reserves the right to limit the use of imbalance return or otherwise curtail service. FortisBC continues to monitor the weather and operational conditions across its service regions and will provide as much advanced notice as possible in the event of changes.

Note this posting will be appended to the news flash section of our web site for your future reference:

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