

IN THE MATTER OF THE

Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY FORTISBC INC.

FOR ITS

2017 DSM Expenditure Plan

Final Submissions of Zellstoff Celgar Limited Partnership

October 26, 2016

1. In this Application, FortisBC said that DSM programs for self-generation customers will be addressed in the 2016 LT DSM Plan. And that the scope of the BC CPR includes accessing the Economic potential of the self-generating customers' total load.¹
2. In response to a BCUC information request², FortisBC characterized a complaint by Celgar regarding an incentive for a project to be about whether Celgar was eligible for a retroactive financial incentive pursuant to RS 90. Celgar had sought FortisBC approval of the project prior to commencing construction, and FortisBC field representatives initially said that FortisBC qualified for DSM incentives. However, sometime later FortisBC concluded that Celgar was not eligible for DSM incentives pursuant to RS90 because it was a self-generation customer. Celgar then proceeded with the project. Although the Commission concluded that Celgar was not eligible for DSM incentives for that project on a retroactive basis, the Commission also concluded that Celgar was “an eligible Customer for DSM incentives pursuant to RS 90.”³
3. Celgar agrees with the FortisBC proposal that DSM programs for self-generation customer be addressed in the 2016 LT DSM Plan. However, such programs must be in addition to, not in replacement or modification of, DSM incentives for other industrial customers. Celgar submits that any determinations by this Commission Panel about DSM programs for self-generation customers should be consistent with the finding of the Commission that a self-generation customer is “an eligible Customer for DSM incentives pursuant to RS 90.”

¹ Exhibit B-1, p. 7, Section 2.5.1

² Exhibit B-2, BCUC 10.4

³ Order G-16-15, Section 5.0