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VIA E-MAIL

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Commission Secretary and Manager,
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British Columbia Utilities Commission
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Dear Mr. Wruck:

**Re: SSL-Sustainable Services Ltd. (“SSL”)
SSL Geothermal System Status as a Public Utility under the Utilities
Commission Act**

I act for FortisBC Energy Inc. (“FEI”) in this proceeding.

Further to the Commission's correspondence of May 16, 2017, we write to provide FEI's view with respect to the scope and timing of further process in this proceeding.

FEI is satisfied with the evidentiary process to-date and makes no request for additional process in this regard. FEI is comfortable proceeding to written argument at this time.

At the Procedural Conference on January 18, 2017, there was some discussion regarding (a) the need or desire for oral argument; and (b) the sequence of argument as between the interveners, the City of Langford and SSL. In FEI's view, this proceeding raises clearly defined legal questions that can adequately be addressed in written argument. While FEI would participate in oral argument, should the Commission consider it to be of value to this proceeding, FEI considers oral argument to be unnecessary in this case.

With respect to the order and timing of the submission of argument, the parties were asked at the Procedural Conference to provide their view of the merit of a “shotgun” approach, under which all parties would file final argument at the same time in “Round 1”, and all parties would be provided the opportunity of reply argument in “Round 2”. FEI indicated its support for that approach. Counsel for the City of Langford and SSL

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similarly supported that "shotgun" approach. In the circumstances, FEI continues to consider this approach to argument and reply to be sensible.

Finally, FEI makes no submission with respect to the scheduling of the argument stage of this proceeding and can accommodate any scheduling that the Commission considers appropriate.

Yours truly,

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