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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Attention: Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary and Manager, Regulatory Support

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: FortisBC Inc. ("FBC") 2017 Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Application ~
Project No. 1598939**

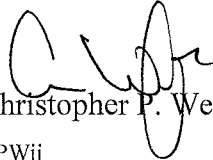
We are counsel for the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (the "CEC"). We are responding to the Commission's letters of May 7 and 16, 2018 (Exhibit A-8 and A-9), and advise that the CEC will not be filing evidence with respect to the above-noted Application and that the CEC takes no position on the timing of filing evidence by the parties.

The CEC is not requesting a second round of Information Requests but reserves the right to file Information Requests if the Commission determines they are to be allowed. The CEC is of the view that the Cost of Service and Rate Rebalancing matters as well as General Terms and Conditions can move to final written submissions based on the existing evidentiary record. The CEC will actively participate in whatever process the Commission determines appropriate for the balance of the proceeding.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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cc: CEC
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