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INFORMATION RELEASE – BCUC Approves FortisBC and Pacific Northern Gas’ Cost of Gas Rates for July 1, 2017

VANCOUVER - The British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) has approved quarterly cost of gas rates for FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) and Pacific Northern Gas (PNG) for the period July 1 to October 31, 2017.

The cost of gas rate remains the same in all service areas, except Tumbler Ridge where the rate will increase by \$0.661/GJ. The total annual bill impact of the rate change for a typical residential customer in Tumbler Ridge is a 4.5% increase, based on average consumption over a one year period. The mechanism for setting cost of gas rates takes into account a variety of factors, including the revenue cost ratio for each service area. Given these factors vary by service area, rate changes can occur in certain areas and not others, as is the case this quarter.

The table below shows the residential cost of gas rate in each service area for the quarter July through October, as well as the utility and type of gas supply for each area.

Utility	Service area	Cost of gas rate	Supply
FEI	Mainland	\$2.050/GJ	Natural gas
	Vancouver Island	\$2.050/GJ	Natural gas
	Whistler	\$2.050/GJ	Natural gas
	Fort Nelson	\$2.086/GJ	Natural gas
	Revelstoke	\$11.088/GJ	Propane
PNG	Vanderhoof to Prince Rupert/Kitimat	\$2.882/GJ	Natural gas
	Fort St. John/Dawson Creek	\$2.634/GJ	Natural gas
	Tumbler Ridge	\$3.707/GJ	Natural gas
	Granisle	\$14.74/GJ	Propane

Gas costs are a flow-through cost of the market prices that the utility pays for the commodity. The BCUC reviews FortisBC and PNG’s gas costs every quarter and does not approve the utilities to earn a return or profit off the cost of gas rates.

To read the letters and orders approving the rates please visit the following links:

[FortisBC Mainland, Vancouver Island and Whistler – Letter L-10-17](#)

[FortisBC Fort Nelson – Letter L-11-17](#)

[FortisBC Revelstoke – Letter L-12-17](#)

[PNG – Letter L-9-17](#)

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