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**INFORMATION RELEASE – BCUC to Attend Workshops to Encourage Public Participation in FortisBC’s Upcoming Rate Design Application**

VANCOUVER – The British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) will be available at FortisBC’s workshops in Kelowna, Osoyoos and Castlegar at the end of July to assist residential electricity ratepayers to participate in the review of FortisBC’s upcoming rate design application, expected to be filed in November 2017.

FortisBC is holding the workshops to discuss rate design options and provide feedback to attendees from its initial workshops held in late June.

BCUC staff will be available before and after the workshops to engage with customers who are interested in participating in the BCUC’s review process, answer questions and provide information on what support is available to assist interested and affected parties.

FortisBC’s workshops will be held in the communities listed below on the following dates:

Community	Date and Time	Venue
Kelowna	Tuesday, July 25, 2017 6:00–9:00 p.m.	Sandman Hotel 2130 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna
Osoyoos	Wednesday, July 26, 2017 6:00–9:00 p.m.	Watermark Beach Resort 15 Park Place, Osoyoos
Castlegar	Thursday, July 27, 2017 6:00–9:00 p.m.	Sandman Hotel 1944 Columbia Avenue, Castlegar

In the rate design process the BCUC reviews electricity prices to ensure that utility costs are fairly allocated among customers. Customers are typically segmented into residential, commercial and industrial rate classes and we review the allocation of the utility’s costs across each rate class. In doing so, we balance the various goals and impacts of the rate design with the needs of the utility and the interest of ratepayers.

For more information on how to participate in the BCUC’s review of FortisBC’s rate design application, please visit our website at the following link: <http://www.bcuc.com/RegisterIndex.aspx>; or contact us directly by email at [commission.secretary@bcuc.com](mailto:commission.secretary@bcuc.com) or telephone at 1-800-663-1385.

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