May 13, 2011

Via Email

Ms. Alanna Gillis
Acting Commission Secretary
BC Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Box 250
Vancouver, BC  V6Z 2N3

Dear Ms. Gillis:

Re:  FortisBC Residential Inclining Block Rate (“RIB”) Application – Proposed Process
Reply Submissions

FortisBC Inc. (“FortisBC” or the “Company”) writes in response to submissions from Mr. Norman Gabana, Mr. Andy Shadrack, Nelson Hydro, Okanagan Environmental Industry Alliance (“OEIA”), British Columbia Old Age Pensioners’ Organization et al (BCOAPO), Mr. Henry Stanski and the British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association (“BCSEA”) regarding proposed process for the Company’s RIB Application.

As stated in its May 9, 2011 submission regarding proposed process for the RIB Application, FortisBC is of the opinion that a written hearing process is adequate for the review of this Application, and notes that all Interveners are in favour of a written hearing except the BCSEA, who took no position on the issue, and Mr. Gabana and Mr. Shadrack who support an Oral Hearing.

While the Company did state in its May 9, 2011 submission that a single round of information requests would be adequate, it notes that the majority of Interveners support two rounds of information requests, and for this reason is not opposed to two rounds of requests in the regulatory timetable. Mr. Gabana and Mr. Stanski make no submissions with respect to information requests, and Mr. Shadrack wishes to reserve judgment on whether a second round
of information requests is needed based on the responses from the Company to the first round of information requests.

The Company notes that the majority of Interveners do not anticipate filing evidence. FortisBC repeats its May 9, 2011 submission in that it takes no position on the filing of evidence by Interveners other than to reserve the right to submit information requests on that evidence should any be filed.

FortisBC once again submits that Option 1 of the options presented by the Commission in Appendix A of Exhibit A-3 most closely matches what the Company views as a reasonable process for the review of this Application.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned at (250) 717 0890.

Sincerely,

Dennis Swanson
Director, Regulatory Affairs