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Via e-mail

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Attention: Ms. Laurel Ross, Acting Commission Secretary and Director

Dear Ms. Ross:

Re: FortisBC Inc. (FBC)

Project No. 3698875

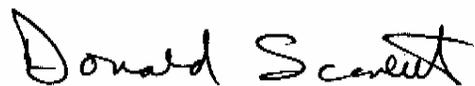
Application for the Net Metering Program Tariff Update

Submission on Further Process

Having read and taken note of all the BCUC and Intervenor Information Requests and the Responses by FBC which were circulated on July 6, 2016 I find I must request that a second and final written Information Request and Response be scheduled for this hearing prior to Argument. An initial Information Request is often necessary to identify a source of data; a follow-up question may be required to reveal the significant information. For example: I asked whether FBC whether the Company sells “green power” at a premium, since I could not find any reference to it on the FBC website; now I require information about green power certification and the uptake and financial impact of that program. A second Information Request may also be needed to clear up a contradiction: FBC’s IR1 responses regarding contacts made with Net Metering customers with Net Excess Generation conflict with my own experience; follow-up questions will establish the facts.

With due respect to the BCSEA-SCBC submission of July 12 on this topic, I believe an oral hearing would disadvantage intervenors who don’t live in the Vancouver area—in addition to incurring considerably more expense than a second round of written Information Requests. Also, although disagreements over policy may be expressed in argument, factual information must be established by responses to information requests. Since BCSEA-SCBC indicates that extending the hearing timetable is not a concern, conducting a second round of Information Requests should not be a problem for them.

Yours truly,



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