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British Columbia Utilities Commission  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 900 Howe Street  
Vancouver, BC  
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Attention: Ms. Laurel Ross, Acting Commission Secretary and Director

Dear Ms. Ross:

**Re: Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (Creative Energy)**  
**Application for Approval of Northeast False Creek (NEFC) Connection Agreement (the Application) ~ Project No. 3698881**  
**FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) Comments on Process**

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FEI writes in response to Commission Exhibit A-4 extending the filing deadline for the consideration of comments respecting further procedural process in this proceeding and Creative Energy's submission on further procedure dated October 13, 2016.

In its October 13, 2016 correspondence Creative Energy indicated that it would be filing a revised Connection Agreement on or before November 1, 2016. In these circumstances, the scope of FEI's intended participation in this proceeding and its recommendation as to the extent of process required is difficult to assess with certainty as it is not clear whether issues that are important to FEI will remain live in Creative Energy's amended filing. For example, the current version of the proposed Connection Agreement filed as Exhibit B-1 in this proceeding continues to include references to mandatory connection and exclusivity over end-uses as well as continuing to rely on the Restated and Amended Neighbourhood Energy Agreement that was rejected by the Commission in Order G-88-16 and its subsequent Reconsideration, Order G-151-16.

Given the Commission's past Orders respecting the inappropriateness of the inclusion of the concept of mandatory connection in Commission approved documents, it is important that interveners be afforded the opportunity to adequately explore that issue in this proceeding, as well as the overall consistency of the Connection Agreement with the Commission's determinations in the 2015 NES NEFC CPCN proceeding. However, should the concepts of mandatory connection and exclusivity over end-uses be properly excluded, Creative

Energy's amendments address the Commission's determinations in the original proceeding and Creative Energy does not introduce new issues, FEI may have only limited interest in this proceeding.

With those caveats noted, the incorporation of the evidentiary records of the past related proceedings and the opportunity for interested parties to provide written argument on Creative Energy's amended Connection Agreement will be sufficient for the Commission to consider FEI's outstanding concerns (if any) with Creative Energy's forthcoming amended Connection Agreement.

FEI is mindful of Creative Energy's expressed urgency in this proceeding and is willing to review the amended Connection Agreement and provide its submissions on an expedited timetable that accommodates that urgency.

If further information is required, please contact Jason Wolfe, Director, Energy Solutions at (604) 592-7516.

Sincerely,

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC.**

***Original signed:***

Diane Roy

cc (email only): Registered Interveners in the Creative Energy 2015 Application for a CPCN for a Neighbourhood Energy System for NEFC proceeding