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**FORTISBC INC. LONG TERM ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLAN
& LONG TERM DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN EXHIBIT A-7**

Ms. Diane Roy
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FortisBC Inc.
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Dear Ms. Roy:

Re: FortisBC Inc.
2016 Long Term Electric Resource Plan & Long Term Demand Side Management Plan

On December 22, 2016 the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order G-197-16, establishing a regulatory timetable (Exhibit A-2), followed by a letter dated April 19, 2017 confirming that the regulatory timetable with intervener evidence would be followed.

On April 27, 2017, Mr. Shadrack filed a second round of IRs to FBC (Exhibit 10-4), in accordance with the regulatory timetable. In response, FBC submitted a letter dated May 3, 2017 (Exhibit B-10), providing a table of specific questions that FBC determined were out of scope for this proceeding and to which they would decline to respond.

On May 8, 2017, the Commission received a letter from Mr. Shadrack in response to FBC (Exhibit C10-5) outlining his justification for why he objects to FBC's response.

The Panel has reviewed the above-noted correspondence and the specific questions identified by FBC. The Panel confirms the following questions 1i; 4ii; 4iii; 6ii; 7; 24iii; and 24iv are within scope of the proceeding. These questions are contextually relevant to the Application as they are related to consideration of various resource options and germane to the issues in the Application.

Consequently, FBC should provide response to the above questions, as directed by Order G-197-16, by the deadline stipulated in the regulatory timetable.

Further, the Panel finds that the following questions address specifics of topics which are out of the scope of the Application, and therefore, FBC may decline to respond to: 1ii; 1iii; 2; 4iv; 4v; 4vi; 5; 14i.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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