



July 31, 2017

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**FORTISBC INC. LONG TERM ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLAN
& LONG TERM DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN EXHIBIT A-16**

Ms. Diane Roy
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Re: FortisBC Inc. – 2016 Long-Term Electric Resource Plan & Long-Term Demand-Side Management Plan – Project No. 1598896 – Request to Withdraw Exhibit B-23

Dear Ms. Roy:

The Commission writes in response to FortisBC's (FBC) letters of July 17 and 21, 2017 (Exhibits B-22 and B-23 respectively) outlining concerns regarding procedural fairness related to Mr. Andy Shadrack's (Shadrack) late filing of IR responses, and his letter dated July 21, 2017 (Exhibit C10-10), asking that the Commission disallow what Shadrack terms "false allegations" by requiring FBC to withdraw its letter dated July 21 (Exhibit B-23).

The Commission provides the following facts pertinent to Shadrack's late filing:

- The Commission received an email from Shadrack on June 27, 2017 indicating he had couriered additional confidential information meant to be supplemental to his IR responses (the Supplemental Filing), which were due June 29 in accordance with the regulatory timetable;
- The Supplemental Filing was received by the Commission one day late, on June 30 by courier;
- The Panel decided to accept the Supplemental Filing, notwithstanding that it arrived one day late;
- Because the Supplementary Filing contained certain personal third-party information, the Commission informed Shadrack by email that redactions were needed in order to produce a version acceptable for public posting;
- The Commission did not post this email at the time it was sent to Shadrack, now posted as an A Exhibit (Exhibit A-15) on the proceeding website;
- An inaccurate email address for Shadrack was on file at the Commission; and
- Due to a number of unfortunate delays (including the incorrect email address), the Commission received the redacted version of the Supplemental Filing, that was acceptable to both Shadrack and the Commission, much later than expected, and posted it on July 20, 2017 (Exhibit C10-8-1).

The Commission recognizes and appreciates the points raised by FBC and regrets the concerns this has caused to all parties in the proceeding. The Commission strives to conduct hearings in the most fair and transparent manner possible, while striving to make proceedings efficient and accessible for all parties involved. In this instance we did not meet the expectations that participants rightfully have of being promptly and fully informed of matters that affect the proceeding.

To address Shadrack's request that FBC's letter dated July 21, 2017 be withdrawn, the Commission invites submissions on this matter from the parties in this proceeding, in accordance with the following dates:

- FBC and Intervener submissions on Shadrack's request on Wednesday, August 2, 2017
- Reply submission from Shadrack on Friday, August 4, 2017

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary

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cc: All Registered Parties