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British Columbia Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Box 250
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Attention: Mr. Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary and Manager, Regulatory Support

Dear Mr. Wruck:

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

In my opinion the antagonistic spirit expressed in FortisBC's Exhibit B-23 is something that should be avoided in Utility Commission proceedings. The Counsel for FortisBC was mistaken in her assumptions regarding the circumstances of Mr. Shadrack's submission and chose to lecture the Commission on procedure as well as malign Mr. Shadrack and his motivation for submitting his evidence.

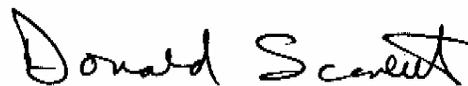
FortisBC now proposes that its letter remain on the record, stating that removing it should occur only in extreme circumstances, and suggesting that such a circumstance might be a filing "for abusive purposes or to besmirch someone's character." In my opinion, that is precisely what Exhibit B-23 does.

FortisBC then claims that Exhibit B-23 should remain on the record because it "forms an important backdrop for various other exhibits and events" and "its removal would leave a gap that renders the record not only incomplete but also difficult to follow." I do not believe that Exhibit B-23 is important other than as an example of what not to write about other participants during a Utility Commission proceeding. Will the record be incomplete or difficult to follow if B-23 is removed? Exhibit B-23 does not contribute any useful evidence, insight or argument to the proceeding, so it makes no contribution that could be weighed against its harmfulness.

Finally, FortisBC believes withdrawing Exhibit B-23 would also create the impression that it contains allegations of such a nature and severity that other Exhibits can't correct. It is not up to FortisBC to determine the severity of the impact its accusations have had on Mr. Shadrack. Mr. Shadrack evidently believes the impact is severe and I agree with him. Other Exhibits cannot undo false and ill-considered accusations against an intervenor if they are left on the record.

Exhibit 23 should be removed from the record, with the notation that it has been removed because FortisBC made erroneous and inappropriate accusations against an intervenor.

Yours truly,



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