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Mr. Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary and Manager, Regulatory Support
British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
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Dear Mr. Wruck:

Re: FortisBC Inc. (FBC) 2017 Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Application Project No. 1598939 (Application)

By letter dated September 10, 2018 (Exhibit A-17), the Commission requested submissions on further process. In the following comments, the Panel requested the parties address the following three issue highlighted in bold below:

Need for an Oral Hearing and/or Oral Arguments

The ICG does not believe an oral hearing is needed. There has been a reasonable opportunity through interrogatories to examine the evidence filed by FortisBC, in particular the evidence filed in Section 7 of the Application. Further, the ICG believes the evidence and information responses filed by the ICG, Mr. Switlishoff, and Mr. Cleveland provide an adequate record to address the ICG's concerns with regard to the issues arising from Section 7 of the Application.

The ICG has an interest in other issues arising from the Application and believes there has been a reasonable opportunity through interrogatories to examine the other issues of concern to the ICG, including issues related to the rebalancing of rates.

The ICG prefers written final argument be filed by all parties.

Scope of the Oral Hearing

In the event that the Commission decides an oral hearing is necessary, the ICG expects to be an active participant in an Oral Hearing, including cross-examination of FortisBC witnesses.

The ICG believes that the scope of the oral hearing need not include the COSA, issues arising from Section 7 of the Application, and issues arising from the evidence and information responses filed by Mr. Switlishoff and Mr. Cleveland.

Location of the Oral Hearing

The ICG prefers the Oral Hearing be held in Kelowna, B.C.

Yours truly,

(original signed)

Robert Hobbs