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Sent via email

Mr. Doug Slater
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Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. – Annual Review for 2019 Delivery Rates – Project No. 1598966 – Permanent Rates Final Order

Dear Mr. Slater:

Further to your Compliance Filing dated January 31, 2019, enclosed please find British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-30-19, regarding the above noted matter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Ian Jarvis for:

Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary

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Enclosure



**ORDER NUMBER
G-30-19**

IN THE MATTER OF
the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Annual Review for 2019 Delivery Rates

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair/Commissioner
D. J. Enns, Commissioner

on February 8, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 15, 2014, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) issued its decision and Order G-138-14 approving for FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) a Multi-Year Performance Based Ratemaking (PBR) Plan for 2014 through 2019 (PBR Decision). In accordance with the PBR Decision, FEI is to conduct an Annual Review process to set rates for each year;
- B. On August 3, 2018, FEI submitted its materials for the Annual Review for 2019 Delivery Rates Application (2019 Annual Review) and on October 23, 2018, FEI filed an amended delivery rates request to the BCUC for approval to set various delivery rate riders and for a 1.1 percent increase to delivery rates, on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2019. FEI requested rates be made interim, pending the BCUC's decision regarding FEI's 2019-2022 Demand Side Management (DSM) Expenditures Application filed on June 22, 2018 (DSM Application);
- C. By Order G-208-18 dated November 5, 2018, the BCUC approved FEI's request for interim delivery rates and rate riders effective January 1, 2019;
- D. By Order G-237-18 and accompanying reasons for decision dated December 13, 2018, the BCUC issued its decision regarding the 2019 Annual Review. The BCUC, among things, directed FEI to continue to hold 2019 rates as interim, pending the completion of the DSM Application proceeding;
- E. By Order G-10-19 and accompanying reasons for decision dated January 17, 2019, the BCUC issued its decision on the DSM Application (DSM Decision);
- F. On January 30, 2019, FEI submitted its compliance filing to Order G-237-18 (Compliance Filing), requesting to maintain existing interim delivery rates and rate riders on a permanent basis and to amortize the incremental 2019 revenue deficiency resulting from the DSM Decision through FEI's 2017 & 2018 Revenue Surplus Deferral Account; and

G. The BCUC has reviewed the Compliance Filing and considers that approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. FEI's request to maintain existing delivery rates and rate riders on a permanent basis, effective January 1, 2019, is approved.
2. FEI's request to amortize the incremental 2019 pre-tax revenue deficiency of \$355,000 resulting from the DSM Decision through FEI's 2017 & 2018 Revenue Surplus Deferral Account, as set out in the Compliance Filing, is approved.
3. FEI is directed to file with the BCUC revised tariff pages within 30 days of the issuance of this order, in accordance with the terms of this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of February 2019.

BY ORDER

Original Signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner