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**FEI CPCN FOR INLAND GAS UPGRADE PROJECT  
EXHIBIT A-8**

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**Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application for the Inland Gas Upgrade Project – Project No. 1598988 – Regulatory Timetable**

Dear Mr. Slater:

Further to your December 17, 2018 filing, please find enclosed British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-79-19, establishing a further regulatory timetable for the review of the above-noted application.

Following FortisBC Energy Inc.'s response to BCUC and intervener Information Requests No. 2, due on or before June 7, 2019, the Panel will consider if a workshop and procedural conference are warranted. Accordingly, a placeholder is included in the regulatory timetable.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by:*

Patrick Wruck  
Commission Secretary

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Enclosure



**ORDER NUMBER  
G-79-19**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.  
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
for the Inland Gas Upgrade Project

**BEFORE:**

A.K. Fung, QC, Panel Chair  
R.D. Revel, Commissioner  
T. Loski, Commissioner  
B. Lockhart, Commissioner

on April 12, 2019

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On December 17, 2018, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) submitted an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) under sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) for the Inland Gas Upgrade (IGU) Project (Application);
- B. FEI proposes to implement integrity management measures to mitigate the potential for rupture failure due to corrosion on 29 transmission laterals in the interior of British Columbia constructed between 1957 and 1998;
- C. The scope of the IGU Project consists of:
  - Retrofitting 11 transmission laterals to provide in-line-inspection (ILI) capability;
  - Constructing pressure regulating stations on 14 transmission laterals to reduce the maximum operating pressure and resulting operating stress to below 30 percent of the specified minimum yield strength (SMYS) of the pipe; and
  - Replacing 4 transmission laterals with new pipe designed to operate at a stress below 30 percent of the SMYS of the pipe;
- D. FEI also seeks approval under sections 59-61 of the UCA for deferral treatment of costs for preparing the Application and for evaluating the feasibility of and preliminary stage development of the IGU Project;
- E. The proposed IGU Project has an estimated capital cost \$363.895 million and the total delivery rate impact is estimated to be 4.31 percent over six years from 2020 to 2025;

- F. By Order G-11-19 dated January 17, 2019, the BCUC established the regulatory timetable for the review of the Application. The regulatory timetable included one round of BCUC and intervener information requests to FEI, parties' submissions on further process and FEI's reply submission on further process;
- G. On April 4, 2019, the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC), the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Disability Alliance BC, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations , and the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre (BCOAPO et al) and FEI, respectively, provided submissions on further process and FEI filed a reply submission on April 8, 2019; and
- H. The BCUC has reviewed the evidence and the submission made by CEC, BCOAPO et al and FEI, and considers that the establishment of a further regulatory timetable is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** the BCUC orders that the regulatory timetable is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

BY ORDER

*Original Signed by:*

A.K. Fung, QC  
Commissioner

Attachment

FortisBC Energy Inc.  
Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
for the Inland Gas Upgrade Project

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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Action	Date (2019)
BCUC and Interveners Information Request (IR) No. 2	Tuesday, May 7
FEI Response to IR No. 2	Friday, June 7
Workshop / Procedural Conference (Placeholder)*	Wednesday, July 10

\*Workshop commences at 9:00 am and the Procedural Conference will follow.

Location:

BCUC Hearing Room

12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street

Vancouver, BC