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**FEI CPCN FOR INLAND GAS UPGRADE PROJECT
EXHIBIT A-12**

TO: FortisBC Energy Inc.
Registered Parties

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application for the Inland Gas Upgrade Project – Project No. 1598988 – Response to Procedural Conference Request

On June 27, 2019, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) issued a letter confirming that a procedural conference, which was previously established as a placeholder in the regulatory timetable attached to Order G-79-19, would be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 (Procedural Conference Letter).

In the Procedural Conference Letter, the Panel identified at least four outstanding key issues which, in the Panel's view, relate to the need for and timing of the FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Inland Gas Upgrades (IGU) Project (Application). The Panel proposed various procedural options to address these issues and requested FEI and interveners to provide submissions at the procedural conference on the most appropriate process (or processes).

On July 3, 2019, FEI filed a letter with the BCUC stating the following:

FEI has carefully considered the items raised in the BCUC's letter, and believes that there is value to the Panel and interveners to hear FEI's responses to the issues raised, in person...FEI submits that, for regulatory efficiency and procedural fairness, it should be afforded the opportunity to respond to the issues identified by the Panel in order to help interveners make informed submissions prior to the Panel making a decision on further process.

FEI proposes that at the commencement of the procedural conference it be allowed to make a presentation which addresses the issues identified in the Procedural Conference Letter and to then answer questions as required. This would then be followed by a break to allow parties to take into consideration the presentation and discussion when making their submissions on further process.

The Panel accepts FEI's request to make a presentation at the commencement of the procedural conference. The presentation will be transcribed and the materials will be filed as evidence in the proceeding. Parties will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters, including JANA Corporation, if desired.

However, in light of the significant change from the process outlined in the Procedural Conference Letter, the uncertainty as to what new information will be presented, and the short time period for parties to prepare, the Panel considers that it may be premature to seek submissions from parties on the process options outlined in the Procedural Conference Letter at the procedural conference as originally planned.

Accordingly, at the conclusion of FEI's presentation and the question period, the Panel will canvass the parties as to how to move forward.

The Panel considers the above-described approach to be expedient and procedurally fair. However, if any parties have concerns with the revised approach, these concerns may be submitted to the BCUC by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2019.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary

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