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British Columbia Utilities Commission
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Attention: Mr. Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary and Manager, Regulatory Support

Dear Mr. Wruck:

Re: FortisBC Inc. (FBC)

Project No. 1598940

Application for Approval of Rate Design and Rates for Electric Vehicle (EV) Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) Service (the Application)

FBC Submission on Further Process

On December 22, 2017, FBC filed an Application for Approval of Rate Design and Rates for Electric Vehicle (EV) Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) Service. By way of British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Order G-9-18 dated January 12, 2018, the BCUC approved interim rates and adjourned the proceeding until further notice. On the same day, Order G-10-98, established the Inquiry into the Regulation of Electric Vehicle Charging Service (EV Inquiry).

On November 26, 2018, the BCUC issued its Phase 1 Report and on June 24, 2019, the BCUC issued its Phase 2 Report in the EV Inquiry. On July 31, 2019, the BCUC issued a letter seeking submissions from FBC regarding how to proceed with the review of the Application. FBC respectfully provides the following submissions on further process for the Application.

The BCUC made a number of recommendations to the provincial government in its Phase 1 and Phase 2 Reports about the regulation of EV charging service. The Phase 2 Report, in particular, provides recommendations on possible approaches for the provincial government to consider relating to the participation of non-exempt public utilities in providing EV charging services. In its reply submissions for Phase 2 of the EV Inquiry, the provincial government as represented by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources noted that it was waiting for recommendations from the BCUC through the Inquiry before taking further action to implement its policy objectives.

As the provincial government has not yet implemented regulatory changes flowing from the release of the BCUC's Phase 2 Report, the approach that the provincial government will take with respect to the participation of non-exempt utilities in providing EV DCFC service remains unknown.

FBC understands that the provincial government is actively reviewing the recommendations contained in the Phase 2 Report and considering alternatives to achieve the objectives of the CleanBC Plan and the *Zero-Emission Vehicles Act*, which could include new regulation relating to EV charging services based on the recommendations contained in the Phase 2 Report. For this reason, FBC believes it is appropriate to continue the adjournment of the review of the Application to allow the provincial government a reasonable amount of time to provide new regulations or guidance with respect to the participation of non-exempt utilities in providing EV charging service. FEI believes the continuation of the adjournment would allow for a more efficient review of the Application in the context of a known regulatory framework. As such, FEI suggests that extending the adjournment of the Application until the earlier of the issuance of new regulations or guidelines by the provincial government or June 30, 2020[1].

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC INC.

Original signed:

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[1] Approximately 12 months after the release of the BCUC Phase 2 Report.