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Proceeding name: FEI Revelstoke Propane Portfolio Cost Amalgamation Application

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Additional information

Please state your reasons for intervening in this proceeding:

Downie Timber is one of the single largest customers of Propane in Revelstoke. Downie Timber is a lumber manufacturing facility that specializes in the production of Western Red Cedar Lumber. Our business focuses on adding value to our products, and one of the ways that we execute on this philosophy is by Kiln Drying all our lumber. As a result, our lumber stands out in the market as the standard of excellence in product finish and quality. Downie Timber is

also the largest single employer in Revelstoke, where we directly employ over 350 people at our facility and an additional 700 indirect jobs through suppliers, dependent contractors, freight and service providers. Our roots are in this community as are our employees, who live, work and raise their families here. Revelstoke over the years has had a rise in the cost of living beyond that in other areas of the province, and it is because of this that we have had troubles in attracting people into our business citing the high costs specific to living in Revelstoke. Anything that can be done to reduce the cost of living in Revelstoke is welcomed and will help with not only the sustainability of our business but also of this community.

Please state how you are directly or sufficiently affected by the Commission's decision in this matter; or describe your experience, information, or expertise relevant to this matter that would contribute to the Commission's decision making:

Downie and our employees are directly affected by the Commission's as it relates to our competitiveness and supporting our rural community. Downie was established in 1988 and has been a mainstay in Revelstoke areas as a major employer and contributor to the success of our community. We ship our value-added Cedar, Douglas-Fir and Hemlock from our Sawmill and re manufacturing facility all over the world. We are very supportive of Fortis' application to treat our company and employees equitably to all other citizens in British Columbia. Downie is one of the largest consumers of local energy and have been involved in many ongoing energy cost and consumption reduction projects such as the Revelstoke Community Energy Corporation (RCEC), where we function not only as a customer but also as the supplier of the feedstock. This partnership with RCEC has served our company well over the years as it has helped with reducing our Energy Costs compared to the cost of Propane over the past 10 yrs.

Please list the key issues you intend to address in the proceeding:

Downie's key issues is maintaining the international competitiveness of our business and reducing the local cost of living for our employees. We have foregone and delayed product develop and value-added projects due to the high energy costs in the Revelstoke area, and have moved this business and the jobs that it requires to other areas in the province where Natural Gas is available. Attracting a highly skilled workforce to the Revelstoke area also influences our business decision. Fortis application helps our local operation to be on a level playing field with our larger international competitors.

For administrative purposes only

Do you intend to participate fully, including attendance at hearings and submission of evidence or information requests, if applicable?: Yes

Do you intend to request PACA funding? This does not impact your ability to participate: No

Have you or your organization web-registered as an intervener or interested party in the past 12 months?: No

If yes, please provide your username: