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British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
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Attention: Mr. Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary and Manager, Regulatory Support

Dear Mr. Wruck:

Re: British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Review of Thermal Energy Systems Regulatory Framework Guidelines (TES Framework) ~ Project No. 1599043

FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc. (FAES) Submission on the Draft Terms of Reference

On December 20, 2019, the BCUC issued Order G-341-19 establishing a proceeding to review the Thermal Energy Systems (TES) Regulatory Framework Guidelines (Review). In accordance with Order G-341-19, FAES provides the following comments on the Draft Terms of Reference.

FAES was an active participant in the development of the current TES Framework and related BCUC proceedings and, to date, FAES has registered 32 Stream A projects with the BCUC. With the benefit of this experience, FAES intends on actively participating in this Review.

FAES has been satisfied with the implementation of the TES Framework since its inception (and refinement in March, 2015) and considers it to provide an effective regulatory framework for TES, balancing the BCUC's public interest obligations under the *Utilities Commission Act* against industry's desire for flexibility.

In FAES's view, the Review should primarily serve as an opportunity to address housekeeping items and updates to reflect evolving market circumstances, rather than a wholesale reassessment of the TES regulatory regime. The Draft Terms of Reference appear to be appropriate in scope to achieve these objectives and FAES does not propose any changes to the BCUC's draft.

If you require further information or have any questions regarding this submission, please contact Grant Bierlmeier at (604) 443-6548.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SERVICES INC.

Original signed:

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