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**FEI BPA BETWEEN FEI AND REN ENERGY
EXHIBIT A-3**

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Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. – Biomethane Purchase Agreement between FortisBC Energy Inc. and REN Energy International Corp. – Project No. 1599074 – Staff Question No. 1

Dear Mr. Slater:

Further to your February 7, 2020 filing of the Biomethane Purchase Agreement between FortisBC Energy Inc. and REN Energy International Corp., please find enclosed British Columbia Utilities Commission Staff Question No. 1. In accordance with the regulatory timetable set out in Order G-44-20, please file your responses on or before Thursday, March 26, 2020.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary

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Enclosure



FortisBC Energy Inc.
Biomethane Purchase Agreement between FortisBC Energy Inc. and REN Energy International Corp.

BCUC STAFF QUESTION NO. 1 TO FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

1.0 Reference: Exhibit B-1 (Application), p. 1

On page 3 of the Application, (FortisBC Energy Inc.) FEI states:

The acquisition price for RNG from the Project is below the \$30 per gigajoule (GJ) maximum acquisition price in section 2(3.8)(a) of the GGRR. The terms of the REN BPA dictate that the maximum price payable by FEI to REN for biomethane cannot exceed the GGRR maximum acquisition cost, and REN will fully pay for the capital and O&M costs of the FEI Facilities

- 1.1 Please confirm that FEI will not pay more than \$30 per GJ at any time over the duration of the 20-year agreement with REN Energy International Corp (REN).
 - 1.1.1 If not confirmed, please explain.
- 1.2 Please confirm that there are no additional costs outside of the \$30 per GJ that will be incurred by FEI in relation to any aspect of the Biomethane Purchase Agreement between FEI and REN (REN BPA).
 - 1.2.1 If not confirmed, please explain and provide additional details.

2.0 Reference: Clean Energy Act, Section 18(1)

In Section 18(1) of the *Clean Energy Act* states:

A prescribed undertaking means a project, program, contract or expenditure that is in a class of projects, programs, contracts or expenditures prescribed for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in British Columbia.

- 2.1 Please confirm that the REN BPA will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in British Columbia.
 - 2.1.1 If confirmed, please provide additional information supporting this claim.