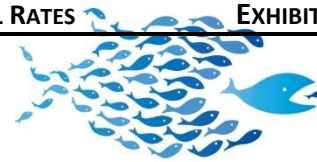


4 September 2020

**VIA E-FILING**

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**BCPIAC**  
Public Interest Advocacy Centre

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Our File: 7310.133

Dear Ms Tresoglavic,

**Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. Annual Review for 2020 and 2021 Rates  
Project No. 1599120  
BCOAPO Information Request No. 1 to FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)**

We represent the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Active Support Against Poverty, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, Disability Alliance BC, and the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre, known collectively in this process as "BCOAPO et al."

Enclosed please find the BCOAPO's Information Request No. 1 to FEI with respect to the above-noted matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,  
**BC PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE**

*Original on file signed by:*

Leigha Worth  
Executive Director | General Counsel

Encl.

REQUESTOR NAME: **BCOAPO**  
INFORMATION REQUEST ROUND NO: **#1**  
TO: **FORTISBC ENERGY INC (FEI)**  
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PROJECT NO: **1599120**  
APPLICATION NAME: **FortisBC Energy Inc. Annual Review for  
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**1.0 Reference: Exhibit B-2, page 5**

**Preamble:** The referenced page states:

*The proposed delivery rates for 2021, after drawing down the balance of the 2017 & 2018 Revenue Surplus deferral account, result in a 6.59 percent increase from 2020 delivery rates.*

1.1 Please provide what the percentage increase in 2021 delivery rates would be if FEI did not have any balance in the Revenue Surplus Deferral Account to draw down.

**2.0 Reference: Exhibit B-2, page 15, Figure 3-1**

2.1 For each year, 2010-2019 inclusive please provide what FEI had forecasted for total demand in order to compare ex ante forecasted with actual.

**3.0 Reference: Exhibit B-2, page 16, Figure 3-2**

3.1 For each year, 2010-2019 inclusive please provide what FEI had forecasted for net residential additions in order to compare ex ante forecasted with actual.

**4.0 Reference: Exhibit B-2, page 18, Figure 3-4**

4.1 For each year, 2010-2019 inclusive please provide what FEI had forecasted for normalized residential demand in order to compare ex ante forecasted with actual.

**5.0 Reference: Exhibit B-2, page 23**

**Preamble:** The referenced page states:

*As seen in Figure 3-11 below, the demand from the industrial rate schedules is forecast to increase by 1.3 PJ in 2020P compared to 2019 Approved and then decrease 4.1 PJs in 2021F compared to 2020P.*

5.1 Does FEI have a view as to why 2021 industrial demand will decrease in 2021? If so, please provide it.

**6.0 Reference: Exhibit B-2, page 29**

**Preamble:** The referenced page states:

*UAF refers to gas that is not specifically accounted for in gas energy balance of receipts, deliveries, and operations use. UAF includes measurement variances and line loss of gas that is flowing in the transmission and distribution systems. Sources of UAF comprise, but are not limited to, system leakage, lost gas (gas lost as a result of utility and third party activities, including gas theft), and measurement inaccuracies. The cost of UAF related to the Sales rate classes is included in the cost of gas and recovered from core customers<sup>21</sup> via the gas cost rates.*

6.1 Please provide the volume and cost of UAF included in sales rates for core customers for each of the years 2015-2019 inclusive.

**7.0 Reference: Exhibit B-2, page 64**

**Preamble:** The referenced page states:

**7.5.1.1 Annual 1 Reviews for 2020 – 2024 Rates**

*FEI is requesting approval to establish a deferral account to capture the costs related to the Annual Reviews for 2020 – 2024 Rates. Consistent with other deferral accounts related to regulatory applications, the Annual Review deferral account will capture costs such as BCUC costs, intervener and participant funding costs, consulting costs, legal fees, and miscellaneous facilities, stationary and supplies costs. FEI forecasts additions of \$0.100 million (\$0.073 million after tax) in each of 2020 and 2021.*

7.1 Can FEI confirm that there are no amounts included in its O&M expenses that are related to regulatory affairs in respect of regulatory reviews?

7.2 Please confirm that the requested deferral account will not capture any amounts for recovery that are already recovered in rates.