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December 2, 2020

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
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Attention: Ms. Marija Tresoglavic, Acting Commission Secretary

Dear Ms. Tresoglavic:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) Fort Nelson Service Area (FEFN)

Application for Deferral Account Treatment for 2021 and Changes to the Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism (RSAM) Rider for the Fort Nelson Service Area (Application)

Interim Rate Approval and Request for Extension

FEI writes in response to British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Order G-299-20 establishing the regulatory timetable for the Application. Order G-299-20 directed FEI to file supplemental information as identified in Appendix C to Order-299-20. FEI addresses item 1 of the supplemental information list with respect to seeking interim approval and respectfully requests a one-week extension to the regulatory timetable in order to provide the balance of the supplemental information.

Interim Rate Approval:

Item 1 of the supplemental information requested clarification on whether FEI seeks interim approval.

1. ***Clarification on whether FEI seeks interim approval of delivery rates and the RSAM rate rider for FEFN effective January 1, 2021 and if yes, by what date this approval is required.***

Confirmed. Based on the regulatory review process set out in Order G-299-20, a decision will not be issued in time to implement permanent rates effective January 1, 2021. FEI, therefore, seeks approval, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 and 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act,* to make existing delivery rates interim and to change the Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism (RSAM) rate rider to a refund of $0.054 per GJ on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2021. In order to implement the RSAM rider rate change for customer bills issued in time for January 1, 2021, FEI will require approval of this interim rate request

on or before Monday, December 14, 2020. A draft order for interim rate approval is attached in Appendix A.

Request for Extension:

In order to provide the balance of the supplemental information requested by the BCUC, FEI requires one additional week to prepare the information. As such, FEI requests an amendment to the regulatory timetable to accommodate this extension and proposes the following:

Action	Date (2020)
FEI to file Supplemental Information	Wednesday, December 9
FEI publishes Public Notice	Wednesday, December 16
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to FEI	Wednesday, December 23
Action	**Date (2021)**
FEI response to IR No. 1	Thursday, January 14
Letters of Comment deadline	Thursday, January 21
FEI Written Final Argument, including submissions on issues raised in IRs and any letters of comment	Thursday, January 28

In anticipation of the BCUC granting approval of the proposed amended timetable, FEI has amended the copy for the Public Notice attached as Appendix B to Order G-299-20 to reflect that letters of comment are due one week after the filing of FEI's response to BCUC IR No. 1.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

Original signed:

Diane Roy

Attachment

cc (email only): CEC and BCOAPO

Appendix A

DRAFT ORDER

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ORDER NUMBER
G-xx-xx

IN THE MATTER OF
the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Application for Deferral Account Treatment for 2021 and Changes to the Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism Rider for the Fort Nelson Service Area

BEFORE:
[Panel Chair]
Commissioner
Commissioner

on Date

ORDER

WHEREAS:

A. On November 6, 2020, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), for approval to maintain the existing delivery rates for 2021 and approval of the Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism (RSAM) rate rider for 2021 for the Fort Nelson service area (FEFN) (Application);

B. In the Application, FEI requests the following approvals for FEFN:

   (i) To maintain delivery rates at existing 2020 rates as approved by Order G-48-19 on a permanent basis, effective January 1, 2021;

   (ii) To change the RSAM rate rider from a recovery of $0.177 per gigajoule (GJ) to a refund of $0.054 per GJ, effective January 1, 2021; and

   (iii) To establish a non-rate base deferral account attracting a weighted average cost of capital return to record the forecast 2021 revenue surplus of $195,000 and any BCUC direct costs or Participant Assistance/Cost Award costs related to the review of the Application, and with amortization to be determined in the next rate setting proceeding;

C. On November 25, 2020, the BCUC issued Order G-299-20, establishing the regulatory timetable for the review of the Application;

D. On December 2, 2020, FEI filed its request for approval of delivery rates and the RSAM rate rider on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2021 in addition to requesting an amendment to the regulatory timetable; and

E. The BCUC has considered the interim rate request and timetable extension and finds that interim rate approval and an amendment to the regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 59 to 61 and 89 of the UCA, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. An amended timetable for review of the Application as set out in Appendix A to this Order.
2. FEI is approved to maintain delivery rates at existing 2020 rates on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2021.
3. FEI is approved to change the RSAM rate rider from a recovery of $0.177 per gigajoule (GJ) to a refund of $0.054 per GJ, on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2021.
4. FEI is to file revised tariff pages for endorsement by the BCUC within 15 days of the date of this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this (XX) day of (Month Year).

BY ORDER

(X. X. last name)
Commissioner

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Application for Approval of Deferral Account Treatment for 2021 and Changes to the Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism Rider for the Fort Nelson Service Area

AMENDED REGULATORY TIMETABLE

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