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INFORMATION RELEASE – BCUC Approves FortisBC Energy Inc.’s Fourth Quarter Commodity Rates

VANCOUVER – On December 3, 2020, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) completed its review of FortisBC Energy Inc.’s (FEI) Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Reports and approved commodity rates for the Fort Nelson, Lower Mainland, and Vancouver Island service areas. Gas commodity rates are a flow-through of the market prices that the utility pays for the commodity. The BCUC reviews FEI’s gas costs every quarter and does not approve the utilities to earn a return or profit on the cost they incur to purchase the commodity.

The BCUC approved rate changes are effective January 1, 2021 and reflect current increasing commodity costs and commodity rates. The rate changes will increase the total annual bill for a typical Fort Nelson residential customer with an average annual consumption of 125 gigajoules (GJ), by approximately \$73 or 7.5 percent, and for a typical Mainland and Vancouver Island residential customer (Rate Schedule 1) with an average annual consumption of 90 GJ, by approximately \$72 or 7.9 percent.

The approved rate changes include the following:

Service Area	Rate Class	Commodity Rate	Commodity Type
Fort Nelson	Sales Rate Classes	The Commodity Cost Recovery Charge increases by \$0.592/GJ, from \$2.407/GJ to \$2.999/GJ.	Natural Gas
Mainland and Vancouver Island	Sales Rate Classes and Rate Schedule 46 LNG Service	The Commodity Cost Recovery Charge is maintained at \$2.844/GJ.	Natural Gas

More information is available at the following links:

- Mainland and Vancouver Island – [Order G-314-20](#)
- Fort Nelson – [Order G-312-20](#)

About the BCUC

The BCUC is an independent regulatory body, responsible for regulating British Columbia’s energy utilities, as well as its compulsory automobile insurance rates, and intra-and provincial pipelines rates. The BCUC is also responsible for administering BC’s *Fuel Price Transparency Act*. It is the BCUC’s role to balance the interests of customers with the interests of the businesses it regulates. The BCUC carries out fair and transparent reviews of matters within its jurisdiction and considers public input where public interest is impacted.

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