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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** A-20-11

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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

An Application by Connect Energy Partnership
for Renewal of its Gas Marketer Licence
under the Customer Choice Program

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
D. Morton, Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner

October 13, 2011

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 4, 2011 Connect Energy Partnership (Connect Energy), applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for renewal of its Gas Marketer Licence. The Application for renewal of its Licence to Market Natural Gas (Application) included the payment of the \$1,000 Application Fee and a \$250,000 proof of security, pursuant to Sections 2 and 4 respectively, of the Licence Requirements;
- B. The Commission has reviewed Connect Energy's Application and relying upon the information and representations made by Connect Energy finds that renewal of its Gas Marketer Licence, subject to conditions, is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 71.1(6) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission issues to Connect Energy a Gas Marketer Licence for the period of November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012.
- 2. This licence is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Connect Energy will carry out the undertakings as provided in its application, and as set out in the revised Rules for Gas Marketers which was effective July 25, 2011.
 - b. Connect Energy will comply with the Code of Conduct for Gas Marketers and Rate Schedule 36 of FortisBC Energy Inc. Connect Energy shall ensure that its employees, salespersons or other representatives of its products and services comply with the standards required of a Gas Marketer as set out in the Code of Conduct for Gas Marketers and Connect Energy shall be responsible for any non-compliance of its employees, salespersons or other representatives of its products and services.

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- c. Connect Energy will maintain a \$250,000 performance security in full force and effect for the duration of the Licence.
- d. Connect Energy will file with the Commission unaudited quarterly financial statements no later than 45 days after the end of each quarter.
- e. Connect Energy will file with the Commission the most recent version of the documents submitted to satisfy Section (7), Financial Qualifications, of the Licence Requirements.
- f. Connect Energy will file with the Commission for its comment and approval the documents submitted under Sections (8), (9), (10), (11) and (12) of the Licence Requirements as soon as changes are made and prior to their commercial distribution and/or use.
- g. The Commission may, at any time and without prior notice to Connect Energy, amend or impose new terms and conditions on, suspend, or cancel the Gas Marketer Licence for reasons the Commission, in its sole discretion, deems and considers sufficient.
- h. The Gas Marketer Licence and all copies of it shall remain the property of the Commission. Connect Energy will return these documents forthwith upon written request from the Commission.
- i. Connect Energy is licensed to engage in gas marketing only to Commercial Consumers currently enrolled under FortisBC Energy's Rate Schedules 2, 3, and 23.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of October 2011.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner

Attachment



LICENCE No. A-20-11

GAS MARKETER LICENCE

CONNECT ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

is granted a licence for the purpose of providing advice to, or acting on behalf of, a low volume consumer ⁽¹⁾ purchasing gas directly in the Province of British Columbia subject to the terms and conditions contained in Commission Order A-20-11, which are set out in the reverse of the Licence.

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Original signed by: _____

L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner

ISSUED: November 1, 2011

EXPIRES: October 31, 2012

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