

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-91-11**



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

and

**An Application by FortisBC Inc.
for Approval of Interim Rate Relief**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner May 19, 2011
D. Morton, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 14, 2010, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order G-184-10 for a Negotiated Settlement Agreement for FortisBC Inc.'s (FortisBC) 2011 Revenue Requirements Application, which included a provision to flow-through power purchases expenses from British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) through an interim rate relief adjustment;
- B. By Order G-72-11 dated April 21, 2011, the Commission approved BC Hydro's refundable interim rate increase of 8.0 percent and the continuation of the Deferral Account Rate Rider at 2.5 percent, effective May 1, 2011;
- C. On May 2, 2011, FortisBC filed an application requesting approval of a 1.4 percent interim rate increase, effective June 1, 2011, that reflects the flow-through of the BC Hydro Power Purchase interim rate increase (the Application);
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 58 to 61, 89 and 90 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

1. FortisBC's refundable interim rate increase of 1.4 percent is approved as filed, effective June 1, 2011.

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2. The 1.4 percent interim rate increase is subject to refund with interest calculated for the refund period at the average prime rate of the principal bank with which FortisBC conducts its business.
3. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing, amended electric tariff rate schedules reflecting the interim rate increase.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19th day of May, 2011.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner