

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

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

and

An Application by FortisBC Energy Inc. for Approval of an Operating Agreement with the City of Revelstoke

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner

D.M. Morton, Commissioner C.A. Brown, Commissioner N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner

C. van Wermeskerken, Commissioner

B.A. Magnan, Commissioner

December 13, 2012

## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

## WHEREAS:

- A. BC Gas Utility Ltd. [now FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)] and the City of Revelstoke (Municipality) entered into a Operating Agreement dated February 15, 1991 (Franchise Agreement);
- B. The Franchise Agreement expired on December 31, 2011;
- C. On November 20, 2012, FEI applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of an Operating Agreement (Operating Agreement) between FEI and the Municipality, effective September 6, 2012 (Application);
- D. The Commission reviewed the Application, notes that the Operating Agreement is generally consistent with such agreements with other municipalities including a franchise fee, and considers that approval is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission, pursuant to section 45 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, approves the Operating Agreement as filed.

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1. If FEI informs the affected customers of the franchise fee by way of a customer notice, the notice is to be reviewed in advance by Commission Staff to confirm compliance with this Order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2012.

BY ORDER

Original singed by:

D.M. Morton Commissioner