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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-53-12**

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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 to Issue Common Shares**

BEFORE: C.A. Brown, Commissioner
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner April 26, 2012
D.M. Morton, Commissioner
R.D. Revel, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 30, 2012, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission), pursuant to section 50(2) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the Act), for approval to issue common shares for \$65 million in order to maintain FEI's Commission-approved equity percentage (the Application);
- B. FEI states that the equity injection is necessary as a result of various capital projects, including the Customer Care Enhancement (CCE) Project and the in-sourcing of a new customer information system approved by Commission Order C-1-10, which went into service January 1, 2012, with an estimated cost of \$110 million including allowance for funds used during construction. FEI further states that this issuance is necessary in order to remain in compliance with Commission Order G-49-07, which approved the Fortis Inc. acquisition of the issued and outstanding shares of FortisBC Holdings Inc. (then Terasen Inc.) and related ring-fencing conditions in Commission Orders G-116-05, G-75-06 and Letter L-30-06 issued in the prior acquisition of the issued and outstanding shares of FortisBC Holdings Inc. by Kinder Morgan, Inc.;
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that approval is warranted.

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NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 50(2) of the Act, the Commission orders the approval of the Application by FEI to issue common shares in the amount of \$65 million.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26th day of April 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner