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Ms. Diane Roy  
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Dear Ms. Roy:

Re: FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc.  
2012/13 Annual Gas Contracting Plan (November 2012 – October 2013)

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On May 1, 2012, FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc. (FEVI) filed, on a confidential basis, its 2012/13 Annual Contracting Plan (2012/13 ACP). The British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) accepts the FEVI 2012/13 ACP. The major portfolio changes affecting the FEVI 2012/13 ACP are as follows:

1. Forecast Design Peak Day Demand: FEVI recommends a decrease of 0.6 TJ/day in the peak day demand, or a decrease of 0.5 percent to 108.7 TJ/day from 109.3 TJ/day, due to a slight decline in use per customer largely offset by forecast customer additions.
2. Annual Normal Demand: FEVI recommends a decrease of 0.5 PJ, or 4 percent in the annual normal demand from the 2011/12 contract year.
3. Commodity Portfolio: The Commodity portfolio remains unchanged from 2011/12.
4. Storage and Transportation Contracts: Storage and transportation contracting amounts remain unchanged from 2011/12.

The Commission requests FEVI file the 2012/2013 ACP by May 1, 2013. In addition to the items in section 2.3.2 of the ACP entitled "*Actions for FEVI Prior to Submitting the FEU 2013/14 ACP*" the Commission requests FEVI to include with the FEVI 2013/14 ACP each of the supplemental analyses the Commission has requested FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) to provide for its 2013/14 ACP, as set out in Commission Letter L-45-12.

In addition, FEVI is requested to continue to seek acceptance of the level of the Supplemental LNG Service FEVI intends to provide to FEI under the terms of the Storage and Delivery Agreement between FEVI and FEI for each contract year prior to providing notice of such to FEI. The filing should include an analysis to determine the amount of LNG capacity and delivery that is surplus to the requirements of FEVI's customers that includes an optimization of the overall portfolio resource using an analysis similar to the analysis conducted for the Mt. Hayes resource included in Appendix H in the 2011/12 ACP.

Exclusive of the Executive Summary (attached), the Commission agrees with FEVI's request to hold the 2012/13 Annual Contracting Plan confidential as it contains market sensitive information.

Yours truly,

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Attachment