



**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER G-142-13**

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

**and**

**FortisBC Inc.  
Application for an  
Advanced Metering Infrastructure Radio-Off Meter Option**

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner  
D.M. Morton, Commissioner  
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner  
September 9, 2013

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On July 26, 2012, FortisBC Inc. (FortisBC) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission, pursuant to sections 45, 46 and 56 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, for approval of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project, including approval of a revised depreciation rate for the proposed meters to be installed;
- B. On July 23, 2013, the Commission granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Order C-7-13 (the Decision), for the AMI Project subject to the condition that FortisBC confirm in writing that it will file an application for an opt-out provision by November 1, 2013, based on principles set out in the Decision;
- C. On July 31, 2013, FortisBC confirmed in writing that it would file an application for an opt-out provision;
- D. On August 30, 2013, FortisBC filed an application for a Radio-Off AMI Meter Option (the Application) based on principles set out by the Commission Panel in the Decision;
- E. The Application sets out the fees and process for customers who choose the Radio-Off AMI Meter Option.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. FortisBC will promptly publish, in display-ad format, the Notice of Application attached as Appendix A to this

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Order, in the Vancouver Sun, the Province and other local newspapers within its service area as well as the wholesale areas serviced by FortisBC.

2. FortisBC will distribute copies of this Order and its Appendices in a timely fashion, via email, to the Registered Interveners and Interested Parties in the FortisBC Inc. Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project.
3. Those parties wishing to participate in the review of the Radio-Off AMI Meter Option Application must register with the Commission Secretary through the Commission's website as soon as possible. The Regulatory Timetable including the deadline for registrations will be established in a future Commission order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

L.F. Kelsey  
Commissioner

Attachment

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## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

### **FORTISBC** Application for an Advanced Metering Infrastructure Radio-Off Meter Option

#### **THE APPLICATION**

On July 26, 2012, pursuant to the *Utilities Commission Act*, FortisBC Inc. (FortisBC) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project. On July 23, 2013, the Commission granted CPCN Order C-7-13 (the Decision) for the AMI Project subject to the condition that FortisBC confirm in writing that it will file an application for an opt-out provision by November 1, 2013 based on principles set out in the Decision.

On August 30, 2013, FortisBC filed an application for a Radio-Off AMI Meter Option (the Application) based on principles set out by the Commission Panel in the Decision. The Application sets out the fees and process for customers who choose the Radio-Off AMI Meter Option.

#### **INTERVENTIONS**

Persons wishing to actively participate in the FortisBC proceeding must register as Interveners through the Commission's website at [www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com) as soon as possible. In their registration, Interveners must identify the issues that they intend to pursue and indicate the extent of their anticipated involvement in the review process. Interveners will each receive a copy of all non-confidential correspondence and filed documentation, and must provide an email address if available. Non-residents of the FortisBC service area must state why their interests are affected; the Commission Panel may otherwise restrict registration to residents of the FortisBC service area.

Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the proceeding, should register as Interested Parties through the Commission's website or in writing, as soon as possible, identifying their interest in the proceeding.

By participating and/or providing comment on the Application, you agree that all submissions and/or correspondence received will be placed on the public record and posted on the Commission's website.

#### **THE REGULATORY PROCESS**

The Regulatory Timetable including the deadline for Intervener and Interested Party registrations will be established in a future Commission order and will be accessible on the Commission website.

**PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS**

The Application and supporting documents will be available for viewing online and in person at:

FortisBC Head Office  
Suite 100, 1975 Springfield Road  
Kelowna, BC V1Y 7V7  
<http://www.fortisbc.com>

BC Utilities Commission  
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street  
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**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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