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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER G-223-13**

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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. Fort Nelson Service Area  
for Deferral Account Treatment for 2014 and Changes to the  
Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism Rider**

**BEFORE:**

L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner  
C.A. Brown, Commissioner  
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner  
B.A. Magnan, Commissioner  
D.M. Morton, Commissioner  
R.D. Revel, Commissioner  
C. van Wermeskerken, Commissioner

December 19, 2013

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On October 11, 2013, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed the Application for Deferral Account Treatment for 2014 and Changes to the Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism (RSAM) Rider (Deferral/RSAM Application) for the Fort Nelson Service Area pursuant to sections 59 to 61 and 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (Act);
- B. In the Deferral/RSAM Application FEI seeks approval to maintain the current 2013 delivery rates approved by Order G-44-12 for the Fort Nelson Service Area and reset the RSAM rider, effective January 1, 2014. FEI also seeks approval to reduce the amortization period for the RSAM from three years to two years;
- C. By Order G-203-13 the Commission approved the requested change to the RSAM rider effective January 1, 2014, and the reduction to the RSAM amortization period. The remainder of the Deferral/RSAM Application is to be the subject of a future order;
- D. The Commission established a deadline for Registered Intervener information requests of December 19, 2013, and information responses by FEI of January 15, 2014;

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- E. On December 17, 2013, the British Columbia Pensioners and Seniors Organization filed a letter that supports a simplified review process for the Deferral/RSAM Application, requesting that if the Commission approves the deferral account treatment that it explicitly state that it is not granting final approval of the estimates and these amounts will be subject to a future process; and
- F. The Commission considers that the current delivery rates should be made interim.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to Sections 59 to 61 and 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission sets the current delivery rates for the FEI Fort Nelson Service Area as interim effective January 1, 2014.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D.M. Morton  
Commissioner