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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-55-13**

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

and

**Application by FortisBC Inc.
for Stepped and Stand-By Rates for Transmission Customers**

BEFORE: A.A. Rhodes, Commissioner
L.A. Ohara, Commissioner April 10, 2013

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 30, 2009, FortisBC Inc. (FortisBC) filed its 2009 Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Application (2009 COSA and RDA) for approval by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission), pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (Act);
- B. On October 19, 2010, by Order G-156-10, the Commission issued its decision on the 2009 COSA and RDA. Order G-156-10 directed FortisBC to, among other things, initiate consultation with its industrial customers with the goal of introducing a stepped rate for transmission service;
- C. On March 25, 2011, Zellstoff Celgar Limited Partnership (Celgar) filed a complaint with the Commission against FortisBC relating to the failure of FortisBC and Celgar to complete a general service agreement, and FortisBC's application of Rate Schedule 31 demand charges (Celgar Complaint);
- D. On November 14, 2011, by Order G-188-11 the Commission issued its decision on the Celgar Complaint. Order G-118-11 directed FortisBC to:
 - develop a rate for Celgar and other self-generators;
 - establish a notional matching methodology;
 - determine guidelines for the level of entitlement of self-generating customers to non-BC Hydro Power Purchase Agreement embedded cost power; and
 - submit an application for a two-tier, stepped transmission rate and a standby rate;
- E. On April 13, 2012, in compliance with Order G-188-11, FortisBC submitted its Guidelines for Establishing Entitlement to Non-PPA Embedded Cost Power and Matching Methodology (Compliance Filing);

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- F. On December 27, 2012, by Order G-202-12, the Commission accepted the Compliance Filing;
- G. On March 28, 2013, FortisBC filed an Application with the Commission for Stepped and Stand-By Rates for Transmission Customers (the Application);
- H. The Commission considers establishing a Preliminary Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application, and allowing Interveners to make written submissions regarding the regulatory process to be followed, is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Preliminary Regulatory Timetable for the Application is set out in Appendix A to this Order.
2. FortisBC is to provide a copy of this Commission Order, electronically where possible, to all Rate Schedule 31 customers and all Interveners in the:
 - FortisBC 2009 Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Application;
 - Zellstoff Celgar Limited Partnership complaint against FortisBC proceeding; and
 - FortisBC Guidelines for Establishing Entitlement to Non-PPA Embedded Cost Power and Matching Methodology proceeding.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10th day of April 2013.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.A. Rhodes
Commissioner

Attachment

FortisBC Inc.

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PRELIMINARY REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2013)
Intervener and Interested Party Registration	Wednesday, April 17
Commission Information Request No. 1	Thursday, April 25
Intervener Information Request No. 1	Thursday, May 2
Participant Assistance Cost Award Budgets	Thursday, May 9
FortisBC Responses to Commission and Intervener Information Request No. 1	Friday, May 17
Written Submissions regarding whether the review should proceed by way of an Oral or Written Public Hearing or Negotiated Settlement	Monday, June 3
Commission and Intervener Information Request No. 2	Monday, June 3
FortisBC Responses to Commission and Intervener Information Request No. 2	Monday, June 17
Intervener Evidence	Friday, June 21
Information Requests on Intervener Evidence	Friday, June 28
Intervener Responses to Information Requests on Intervener Evidence	Friday, July 12
Placeholder for FortisBC Rebuttal Evidence	Friday, July 19