

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

and

FortisBC Inc. Filing of an Energy Supply Contract with Powerex Corporation

BEFORE: L. F. Kelsey, Commissioner

C. A. Brown, Commissioner H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner K. A. Keilty, Commissioner N. E. MacMurchy, Commissioner

I. F. MacPhail, Commissioner

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
D. M. Morton, Commissioner
R. D. Revel, Commissioner

April 2, 2015

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By Order G-61-12 dated May 25, 2012, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) approved Rules for Energy Supply Contracts for Electricity (Rules). The Rules are intended to facilitate the Commission's review of energy supply contracts for electricity and proposed energy supply contracts for electricity under section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act*;
- B. By Letter L-35-14 dated June 19, 2014, the Commission accepted the FortisBC Inc. (FBC) 2014/2015 Annual Electric Contracting Plan (AECP);
- C. On March 10, 2015, pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, FBC filed with the Commission an application for acceptance of an energy supply contract for 2015 and 2016 (Application);
- D. The energy supply contract, for the purchase of capacity and energy between FBC and Powerex Corporation (Agreement), was executed on February 25, 2015. The Agreement was made pursuant to the Western Systems Power Pool Service Schedule C for the purchase of capacity and energy for the winter months of 2015/2016;

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- E. FBC requests that the information in the Application and Agreement be kept confidential due to its commercially sensitive nature. FBC states it has not notified or provided a redacted copy of the Agreement to interveners in its most recent revenue requirements application for reasons regarding confidentiality; and
- F. The Commission reviewed the Application, including FBC's reasons for not providing notification to interveners in its most recent revenue requirements application, and determines that the Agreement is consistent with the AECP and is in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Agreement executed on February 25, 2015, between FortisBC Inc. and Powerex Corporation, is accepted for filing pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* as being in the public interest.
- 2. The Commission will keep the Application and the Agreement confidential due to its commercially sensitive nature.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of April 2015.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. Morton
Commissioner