



ORDER NUMBER
G-182-19

IN THE MATTER OF
the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Application for Acceptance of the Biogas Purchase Agreement
Between FortisBC Energy Inc. and the City of Vancouver

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair
A. K. Fung, QC, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on August 1, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 21, 2018, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), an application for acceptance of a Biogas Purchase Agreement (BPA) between FEI and the City of Vancouver pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (Application);
- B. Under the BPA, FEI intends to purchase raw landfill gas (LFG) from the COV, construct and operate facilities to upgrade raw LFG to biomethane or renewable natural gas (RNG), and construct interconnection facilities including a 500-metre pipeline (Project) to connect to FEI's existing natural gas distribution system;
- C. On June 6, 2019, the BCUC issued Decision and Order G-122-19 which adjourned the proceeding for 60 days to allow FEI to restructure and resubmit to the Panel the Project and/or its BPA with the COV in a way that provides the required certainty to FEI's acquisition cost of the RNG so as to qualify as a prescribed undertaking within the specified cost threshold under the provisions of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Clean Energy) Regulation;
- D. On July 16, 2019, FEI filed a response to BCUC Decision and Order G-122-19 (Response);
- E. FEI requests that the information in Appendix A of the Response be kept confidential due to its commercially sensitive nature; and
- F. The BCUC has commenced the review of the Response and determines that a further regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The establishment of a public hearing process in accordance with the regulatory timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. The BCUC will keep Appendix A of the Response confidential.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 1st day of August 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
BCUC and Intervener Information Request (IR) No. 1 to FEI	Thursday, August 15
FEI Response to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, August 29
Further Process	To be determined