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ORDER NUMBER G-229-19

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

and

FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc.
Stream A Registration of the Belpark Thermal Energy System

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Panel Chair R. D. Revel, Commissioner

on September 23, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 28, 2019, FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc. (FAES) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) an application to register the Belpark Stream A Thermal Energy System (Belpark TES), in accordance with the BCUC Thermal Energy Systems Regulatory Framework Guidelines (TES Guidelines);
- B. On August 28, 2014, the BCUC issued Order G-127-14 approving the TES Guidelines and on March 2, 2015, revisions to the TES Guidelines were approved by Order G-27-15;
- C. Under Section 2.1 of the TES Guidelines, a Stream A TES is defined as: "An On-Site TES with an Initial Capital Cost above \$500,000 but less than \$15,000,000 is exempt from sections 44.1, 45 to 46 and 59 to 61 of the UCA [Utilities Commission Act]. TES Providers are required to register Stream A TES prior to building or otherwise acquiring the Stream A TES"; and
- D. The BCUC has reviewed the application and is satisfied that the Belpark TES meets the characteristics of a Stream A TES and is suitable for exemption from sections 44.1, 45 to 46 and 59 to 61 of the UCA.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 88(3) of the UCA and by the advance approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council (Order in Council 400), the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. In accordance with the TES Guidelines, the Belpark TES is exempt from sections 44.1, 45 to 46 and 59 to 61 of the UCA.
- 2. FAES must file with the BCUC an annual report for the Belpark TES, in accordance with Stream A annual reporting guidelines as provided in Appendix B of the TES Guidelines.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of September 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan Commissioner