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ORDER NUMBER G-45-20

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

and

FortisBC Inc.

Application for Approval to Issue Common Shares to Maintain the Approved Capital Structure

BEFORE:

A. K. Fung, QC, Commissioner

D. M. Morton, Commissioner

M. Kresivo, QC, Commissioner

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

C. M. Brewer, Commissioner

T. A. Loski, Commissioner

E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner

March 12, 2020

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 19, 2020, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to section 50(2) of the *Utilities Commission Act* for approval to issue up to 500 thousand authorized common shares at the par value of \$100 per share to FortisBC Pacific Holdings Inc., the holding company of FBC, for a total consideration of up to \$50 million on or before March 31, 2020 (Application);
- B. FBC states the equity injection will ensure that FBC can maintain its currently approved deemed capital structure for regulated purposes of 60.0 percent debt and 40.0 percent equity;
- C. On March 6, 2020, the BCUC issued staff questions to FBC. FBC submitted its responses on March 9, 2020; and
- D. The BCUC has reviewed the Application as well as FBC's responses to staff questions and finds that approval of the Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 50(2) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC approves FBC's Application to issue up to 500 thousand authorized common shares at the par value of \$100 per share to FortisBC Pacific Holdings Inc. for a total consideration of up to \$50 million on or before March 31, 2020.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 1.

 12^{th}

day of March 2020.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A. K. Fung Commissioner