



**ORDER NUMBER  
E-10-20**

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

and

FortisBC Inc.  
Application for Acceptance of Energy Supply Contracts with Powerex Corporation  
for the First Quarter 2021 and the Fourth Quarter 2021

**BEFORE:**

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner  
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner  
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on April 9, 2020

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On March 24, 2020, pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), FortisBC Inc. (FBC) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) two energy supply contracts (Agreements) between FBC and Powerex Corporation (Powerex) for the purchase of wholesale market energy in the first and fourth quarters of 2021, respectively (Application);
- B. By Order G-61-12 dated May 17, 2012, the BCUC approved Rules for Energy Supply Contracts for Electricity (Rules). The Rules facilitate the BCUC's review of energy supply contracts for electricity, and proposed energy supply contracts for electricity under section 71 of the UCA;
- C. By Order E-10-15 dated April 27, 2015, the BCUC accepted the Capacity and Energy Purchase and Sale Agreement (CEPSA) between FBC and Powerex. The CEPSA is a master agreement that sets out the terms and conditions for future market transactions, regarding capacity and energy, entered into between FBC and Powerex;
- D. By Order G-117-18 dated June 28, 2018, the BCUC accepted FBC's 2016 Long Term Electric Resource Plan (2016 LTERP) up to and including 2024. In the order, the BCUC also directed that the next LTERP should be developed and filed no later than December 1, 2021;
- E. By Letter L-28-19 dated June 6, 2019, the BCUC accepted for filing FBC's Annual Electric Contracting Plan for the period from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 (2019/20 AECP);
- F. In the Application, the Agreements for the purchase of wholesale market energy in the first and fourth quarters of 2021 and were made pursuant to the CEPSA;

- G. FBC requests that the information in the Application and the Agreements be kept confidential due to their commercially sensitive nature. FBC provided notice of its filing and redacted versions of the Agreement to interveners to the FBC Annual Review for 2019 Rates proceeding on March 24, 2020; and
- H. The BCUC reviewed the Application and is satisfied that the Agreements are in the public interest and consistent with FBC's 2019/20 AECP, as well as FBC's 2016 LTERP up to and including 2024.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 71 of the UCA, the BCUC accepts the energy supply contracts executed between FBC and Powerex as filed in the Application. The BCUC will keep the Application and the Agreements confidential due to their commercially sensitive nature.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

B. A. Magnan  
Commissioner