



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-232-20**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.  
Application for Approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
for the Pattullo Gas Line Replacement Project

**BEFORE:**

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair  
T. A. Loski, Commissioner  
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on September 11, 2020

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On August 31, 2020, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) submitted an application with British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Pattullo Gas Line Replacement Project (PGR) pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) (Application);
- B. In seeking a CPCN for the PGR Project, FEI requests approval to:
- i. Construct and install in the City of Burnaby a 508 millimeters (mm) gas line that will operate at a maximum operating pressure (MOP) of 2,070 kilopascal (kPa);
  - ii. Construct and install a new district pressure regulating station (PRS);
  - iii. Construct and install a 508 mm gas line that will operate at a MOP of 700 kPa to connect the PRS to the distribution system;
  - iv. Abandon and remove the existing Pattullo Gas Station in the City of Surrey and approximately 800 meters (m) of 508 mm gas line operating at a MOP of 700 kPa affixed to the existing Pattullo Bridge, as will be described in Section 5 of the Application;
  - v. Abandon in place approximately 1.2 kilometers (km) of the remaining 508 mm gas line operating at a MOP of 700 kPa from the Pattullo Gate Station to the intersection of McBride Boulevard and Royal Avenue in Burnaby, as will be described in Section 5 of the Application; and
  - vi. Modify approximately 5.5 km of the Livingstone-Pattullo 457 mm Transmission Pipeline and associated work due to the removal of the Pattullo Gate Station, as will be described in section 5 of the Application;

- C. In the Application, among other things, FEI also seeks BCUC approval, pursuant to sections 59 and 61 of the UCA to establish a deferral account, entitled the PGR Application and Preliminary Stage Development Costs Deferral Account, to be amortized over three years and costs recorded in this deferral account to attract an after-tax weighted average cost of capital return;
- D. FEI requests an expedited review of the application and an order by the first quarter of 2021 in order to facilitate initiating the detailed design and procurement of long lead material items;
- E. FEI states that the Application will be completed in one or more evidentiary updates. FEI further states it will file an evidentiary update at the end of September 2020 to either complete the Application or to update the BCUC on the status of its consultation and negotiation with the City of Burnaby, and advise when it will be able to complete the Application; and
- F. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and finds that a preliminary regulatory timetable is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. FEI is directed to provide a summary of planned and conducted consultation to date by Friday, September 18, 2020.
- 2. A written hearing process is established for the review of the Application in accordance with the regulatory timetable, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 3. FEI is to publish the Public Notice in print/display-ad format by Friday, September 25, 2020, attached as Appendix B to this order, in appropriate news publications, such as, but not limited to, local and community newspapers as to provide adequate notice to those parties who may have an interest in or be affected by the Application.
- 4. As soon as practicable, FEI is directed to publish, together with any supporting materials, the Application, this order and the regulatory timetable by using appropriate communication methods, including FEI's website and social media accounts. Reminder notices on social media platforms must be posted biweekly until the conclusion of intervenor registration period on Thursday, October 15, 2020.
- 5. In accordance with the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached as Appendix A to Order G-15-19, parties who wish to participate in the proceeding may submit a letter of comment, register as an interested party or request intervenor status. Parties requesting intervenor status must register with the BCUC by completing a [Request to Intervene Form](#) available on the BCUC's website by the date established in the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order. Parties requesting intervenor status are to specifically state the nature of their interest in the Application and to generally identify the issues they intend to pursue and the extent of their anticipated involvement in the proceeding.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D. M. Morton  
Commissioner

Attachment

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**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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Action	Date (2020)
FEI to provide a summary of planned and conducted consultation to date	Friday, September 18
FEI to provide notice of the Application	Friday, September 25
FEI to file Evidentiary Update	Wednesday, September 30
Intervener Registration	Thursday, October 15
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to FEI	Thursday, October 22
Intervener IR No. 1 to FEI	Thursday, October 29
FEI responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, November 19
FEI and registered interveners to provide written submission on further process	Monday, November 30
Further process	To be determined



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## FEI APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE PATTULLO GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

On August 31, 2020, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for its Pattullo Gas Line Replacement Project. In the Application, FEI seeks approval to replace their distribution system capacity, which includes, among other things, constructing and installing a new gas line and district pressure regulating station, abandoning and removing the Pattullo Gas Station.

The BCUC has established a public hearing process to review the Application.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- 💡 **Submit a letter of comment**
- 💡 **Register as an interested party**
- 💡 **Request intervener status**

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 💡 **Thursday, October 15, 2020** – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC

For more information on getting involved, please visit our website ([www.bcuc.com/get-involved](http://www.bcuc.com/get-involved)) or contact us at the information below. To learn more about this Application, visit <https://www.bcuc.com/ApplicationView.aspx?ApplicationId=795>.

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