



**ORDER NUMBER
G-30-21**

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

and

Vancouver Airport Authority
Application for an Exemption Pursuant to Section 88(3) of the
Utilities Commission Act for the Resale of Natural Gas

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair
W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner
T. A. Loski, Commissioner

on January 28, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 11, 2020, pursuant to section 88(3) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) seeking approval for exemption from section 71 and Part 3 of the UCA except sections 25, 38, 41 and 42, in relation to YVR's resale of natural gas at the Vancouver International Airport (Airport) (Application);
- B. In the Application, YVR states that it currently purchases the natural gas it resells from the gas marketer, Direct Energy Marketing Limited (Direct Energy), which is transported to the Airport by FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) under Rate Schedules 25 and 23 and distributed to YVR tenants;
- C. YVR acknowledges in the Application that since YVR resells natural gas to tenants with lease terms of more than 5 years, it is captured by the definition of a public utility, as it is defined in the UCA;
- D. In the UCA, a public utility is defined in section 1, in part, as:

A person, or the person's lessee, trustee, receiver or liquidator, who owns or operates in British Columbia, equipment or facilities for the (a) production, generation, storage, transmission, sale, delivery or provision of electricity, natural gas, steam or any other agent for the production of light, heat, cold or power to or for the public or a corporation for compensation; and
- E. The BCUC has determined that the establishment of a written comment process is warranted for the review of the Application.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A public written comment process is established in accordance with the regulatory timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. YVR is directed, as soon as reasonably possible but no later than Tuesday, February 16, 2021, to:
 - a. Provide notice of the Application and a copy of this order, electronically where possible, to all impacted and potentially impacted parties, including YVR's tenants, FEI, and Direct Energy.
 - b. Post a copy of this order, the Application and the Public Notice attached as Appendix B, on YVR's website.
 - c. Publish notice of the Application on its social media platforms on or before Tuesday, February 16, 2021 and to publish weekly reminder notices on each of these platforms until the conclusion of the letter of comment period on Monday, March 8, 2021.
3. Any party wishing to provide comments on the Application is invited to submit a letter of comment by the date established in the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order. Letters of comment must be in the Letter of Comment Form available on the BCUC's website at: <http://www.bcuc.com/forms/letter-of-comment.aspx>, and submitted by email to commission.secretary@bcuc.com or by mail to the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Suite 410, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2N3.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of January 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2021)
YVR to publish notice	Tuesday, February 16
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to YVR	Friday, February 12
YVR response to BCUC IR No. 1	Monday, March 1
Deadline to submit of Letters of Comment	Monday, March 8
YVR responses to Letters of Comment	Wednesday, March 17
Further process	To be determined



We want to hear from you

Vancouver Airport Authority Application for an Exemption Pursuant to Section 88(3) of the *Utilities Commission Act* for the Resale of Natural Gas

On December 11, 2020, the Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR) filed an Application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) requesting approval for exemption from section 71 and partial exemption from Part 3 of the *Utilities Commission Act* with respect to the resale of natural gas to tenants at the Vancouver International Airport. The BCUC has established a written public comment process for the review of the Application.

More information on the application can be found at bcuc.com on our “Current Proceedings” page.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Submit a letter of comment
- Register as an interested party

IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Monday, March 8, 2021** – Deadline to submit a letter of comment to the BCUC

For more information on getting involved, please visit our website (www.bcuc.com/get-involved) or contact us at the information below.

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