



ORDER NUMBER
G-157-21

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)

Filing of a Biomethane Purchase Agreement between FEI and Shell North America (Canada) Inc. pursuant to
Section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* and BCUC Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair
M. Kresivo, QC, Commissioner
D. M. Morton, Commissioner

on May 21, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 29, 2021, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) an application for acceptance of a Biomethane Purchase Agreement (BPA) between FEI and Shell North America (Canada) Inc. pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) and BCUC Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts (Application);
- B. By Order G-150-21 dated May 17, 2021, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable outlining the public hearing process to review the Application, which included, among other things, intervener registration, one round of BCUC and Intervener information requests (IR) and submissions on further process;
- C. On May 20, 2021, FEI filed a letter requesting the BCUC to amend the regulatory timetable and establish an expedited review process by an oral hearing or Streamlined Review Process in order to accommodate a condition in the BPA that FEI receive BCUC approval to purchase the biomethane on or before May 31, 2021; and
- D. The BCUC considers that an amendment to the regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The regulatory timetable as established by Order G-150-21 is amended and attached as Appendix A to this order.
2. FEI is directed to publish on its website the Application, this order and the regulatory timetable and to provide a copy of the same to registered interveners in the FortisBC Multi-Year Rate Plan for 2020-2024 proceeding and to registered interveners in the FEI Tidal BPA proceeding by no later than Tuesday, May 25, 2021.
3. FEI is directed to provide additional evidence, by 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 26, 2021, on the following:
 - a. The definition of Renewable Natural Gas (RNG);
 - b. The contractual arrangements in place to ensure FEI is acquiring RNG, including how RNG is delivered from the facility to the Huntingdon hub;
 - c. The regulatory and reporting regime(s) in the United States and Canada that guarantee all environmental attributes associated with the purchase of RNG contractually pass from the facility to FEI, including but not limited to the generation, transfer, and redemption of renewable attributes to offset greenhouse gas emissions;
 - d. The regulatory and reporting regime(s) in place that eliminates any risk that environmental attributes are counted in both jurisdictions;
 - e. The contract maximums and other details of all existing approved BPAs, BPAs pending BCUC approval and this BPA to demonstrate that the volume limit as established by section 2(3.8)(b) of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Regulations is not exceeded; and
 - f. Any other contractual documents associated with the BPA.
4. A Streamlined Review Process will be held on Friday, May 28, 2021, commencing virtually at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. Details regarding the [BCUC's SRP Policy, Guidelines and Procedures](#) can be found on the BCUC website.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 21st day of May 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2021)
FEI to publish Application and order, and Notify Registered Interveners	Tuesday, May 25
BCUC IR No. 1 to FEI	Tuesday, May 25
FEI to provide BCUC IR No. 1 Responses and Additional Evidence	Wednesday, May 26
Intervener Registration and Confirmation of Streamlined Review Process Attendance	Thursday, May 27
Web-based Streamlined Review Process	Friday, May 28