



ORDER NUMBER
G-288-22

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Application to Extend the Gas Supply Mitigation Incentive Program
For the Period November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2025

BEFORE:

E. B. Lockhart, Panel Chair
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner
A. C. Dennier, Commissioner

on October 14, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 30, 2022, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), seeking approval pursuant to sections 59-61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) for a review and an extension of the Gas Supply Mitigation Incentive Program (GSMIP), for a three-year term for the period November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2025 (Application);
- B. In the Application, FEI proposes continuation of the existing GSMIP model and Term Sheet, with limited changes, to be effective November 1, 2022;
- C. By Order G-163-11 dated September 22, 2011, the BCUC approved the GSMIP for the period from November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2013;
- D. By Order G-174-13 dated October 24, 2013, pursuant to section 63 of the UCA, the BCUC approved extending the GSMIP for a three-year term for the period November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2016 and approved including the mitigation activities performed by FEI on behalf of FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc. in the 2013-2016 GSMIP;
- E. By Order G-141-16 dated August 29, 2016, the BCUC approved extending the GSMIP for a three-year term for the period November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2019;
- F. By Order G-232-19 dated September 26, 2019, the BCUC approved the extension of the GSMIP for a three-year term for the period November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022, and directed FEI to file a report providing a comprehensive assessment of the GSMIP, term sheet and model at least 60 days prior to expiry of the approved three-year term; and

- G. The BCUC considers that the establishment of a written comment process is warranted for review of the Application.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders that a further regulatory timetable is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

1. The GSMIP, model and term sheet approved by BCUC Order G-232-19 are extended on an interim basis, effective November 1, 2022, pending the determination on the Application to Extend the Gas Supply Mitigation Incentive Program for the Period November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2025.
2. A public written hearing process is established in accordance with the regulatory timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order.
3. FEI is to provide notice of the Application and a copy of this order to the 2022 GSMIP workshop attendees and registered parties of the FEI 2022 Long Term Gas Resource Plan proceeding, no later than Friday, October 21, 2022.
4. Any stakeholder wishing to provide comments on the continuation of FEI's existing GSMIP model and Term Sheet as proposed in the Application may do so by filing a Letter of Comment to the BCUC by Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Letters of Comment must be in the Letter of Comment Form available on the BCUC's website at <https://www.bcuc.com/Forms/LetterOfComment>.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of October 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

E. B. Lockhart
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2022)
FEI is to notify parties	Friday, October 21
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to FEI	Wednesday, October 26
FEI's Responses to BCUC IR No. 1	Wednesday, November 9
Deadline to Submit Letters of Comment	Wednesday, November 16
FEI's Responses to Letters of Comment	Wednesday, November 23
Further Process	To be determined