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# ORDER NUMBER G-320-22

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity
for the Interior Transmission System Transmission Integrity Management Capabilities Project

### **BEFORE:**

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

on November 7, 2022

### **ORDER**

### **WHEREAS:**

- A. On September 20, 2022, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) for FEI's Interior Transmission System (ITS) Transmission Integrity Management Capabilities (TIMC) Project (ITS TIMC Project) (Application);
- B. The ITS TIMC Project consists of work necessary to prepare eight pipelines on the ITS for the use of in-line inspection tools. The scope of the ITS TIMC Project includes:
  - 1. Replacement of three heavy wall pipeline segments on two of the ITS pipelines; and
  - 2. Modification to 13 transmission pressure facilities within the ITS;
- C. In the Application, FEI also requests approval, pursuant to section 59 to 61 of the UCA, to transfer the balance of the TIMC Development Cost deferral account associated with the Application, estimated to be a credit of \$0.574 million, from the existing non-rate base TIMC Development Cost deferral account to the existing rate base TIMC Development Cost deferral account; and
- D. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and considers that the establishment of a public hearing is warranted.

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

- 1. A public 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.
- 2. FEI must publish the Public Notice, attached as Appendix B to this order, in print/display-ad format in appropriate news publications, such as but not limited to, local and community newspapers to provide adequate notice to those parties who may have an interest in or be affected by the Application, as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than Thursday, November 24, 2022.
- 3. As soon as practicable, FEI must publish notice of this Application on its website and social media platforms, but not later than Thursday, November 24, 2022. It must also publish weekly reminder notices on each platform until the conclusion of the intervener registration period on Thursday, December 8, 2022.
- 4. FEI must provide an electronic copy of the Application and this order to all affected parties and potentially affected parties by no later than Thursday, November 24, 2022. This includes, but is not limited to, the following parties:
  - a. All interveners in the FEI Coastal Transmission System TIMC CPCN and the FEI Okanagan Capacity Upgrade CPCN proceedings;
  - b. All municipalities and regional districts identified in Appendix M of the Application; and
  - c. All Indigenous groups identified in Appendix M of the Application.
- 5. FEI must provide confirmation to the BCUC when the Public Notice has been posted, including a list of the publications (paper and digital) in which the notice was posted, by Tuesday, November 29, 2022.
- 6. FEI must submit to the BCUC a list of all parties directly notified of this Application and order by FEI, including the method and date of notification, by Tuesday, November 29, 2022.
- 7. Parties who wish to actively participate in this proceeding must complete a Request to Intervene Form, available on the BCUC's website at <a href="https://www.bcuc.com/get-involved/get-involved-proceeding.html">https://www.bcuc.com/get-involved/get-involved-proceeding.html</a> by Thursday, December 8, 2022 as established in the regulatory timetable, and in accordance with the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached to Order G-178-22. Parties who wish to stay informed about the proceeding may register as an interested party by completing an <a href="Interested Party Form">Interested Party Form</a>, available on the BCUC's website.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

**BY ORDER** 

Original signed by:

C. M. Brewer Commissioner

**Attachment** 

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# FortisBC Energy Inc. Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Interior Transmission System Transmission Integrity Management Capabilities Project

# **REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

Action	Date (2022)
FEI publishes Notice of Application on its social media platforms and in print/display ad format	Thursday, November 24
FEI provides list of notified parties	Tuesday, November 29
Intervener registration deadline	Thursday, December 8
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to FEI	Thursday, December 15
Action	Date (2023)
Intervener IR 1 to FEI	Tuesday, January 10
FEI responses to BCUC and Intervener IR 1	Thursday, February 2
Further Process	To be determined



# We want to hear from you

# FORTISBC ENERGY INC.'S APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE INTERIOR TRANSMISSION SYSTEM TRANSMISSION INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES PROJECT

On September 20, 2022, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Interior Transmission System (ITS) Transmission Integrity Management Capabilities (TIMC) Project (Application) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission. The purpose of the project is to enable FEI to detect cracking threats on its ITS pipelines. The Application consists of alterations to ITS pipelines and facilities in the province's interior area. The estimated total cost of the project is \$84.6 million.

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

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

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

 Thursday, December 8, 2022 – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC

For more information about the Application, please visit the <u>Proceeding Webpage</u> on bcuc.com under "Our Work – Proceedings." To learn more about getting involved, please visit our website (<u>www.bcuc.com/get-involved</u>) or contact us at the information below.

## **GET MORE INFORMATION**

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