



ORDER NUMBER
G-115-23

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

on May 12, 2023

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 sections 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;
- D. By December 8, 2022, the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Active Support Against Poverty, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, Disability Alliance BC, Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre, and Together Against Poverty (BCOAPO), the Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA), and the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of BC (CEC) registered as interveners in the proceeding;
- E. By Orders G-320-22 and G-48-23, the BCUC established and amended the regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which included two rounds of information requests (IRs) to FEI from the BCUC and interveners. On April 20, 2023, FEI filed its responses to the second round of BCUC and intervener IRs (IR No. 2);

- F. By Order G-94-23 dated April 24, 2023, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable, which included FEI and intervener submissions on further regulatory process;
- G. On May 4, 2023, FEI and all registered interveners filed submissions regarding further process. FEI, CEC and BCOAPO submit that they are prepared to proceed to final argument. RCIA requests FEI to provide additional clarification of certain IR No. 2 responses and to submit evidence.
- H. On May 10, 2023, FEI filed its reply submission, which states that it is willing to provide additional clarification regarding the IR No. 2 responses identified by RCIA. Regarding RCIA's proposal to submit evidence in the proceeding, FEI submits that it has sufficiently supported the need for the Project through the Application and two rounds of IRs, but provides a proposed regulatory timetable should the BCUC agree with RCIA's requests regarding further process; and
- I. The BCUC has reviewed FEI's responses to IR No. 2 and the parties' submissions on further process and determines that establishing a further regulatory timetable including clarification of IR2 responses, Panel IRs, and filing of intervener evidence is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC establishes a further regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of May 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

C. M. Brewer
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2023)
Panel Information Request (IR) No. 1 to FEI	Friday, May 12
FEI Clarification of IR2 and Panel IR Responses	Friday, May 26
Written Intervener Evidence	Friday, June 16
BCUC, FEI and Intervener IRs on Written Intervener Evidence	Thursday, June 29
Intervener Responses to IRs on Evidence	Friday, July 14
Rebuttal Evidence (if required)	Friday, August 4
IRs on Rebuttal Evidence (if required)	Monday, August 21
Responses to IRs on Rebuttal Evidence (if required)	Thursday, September 7
FEI Written Final Argument	Tuesday, September 19
Intervener Written Final Arguments	Tuesday, October 3
FEI Written Reply Argument	Wednesday, October 18