



ORDER NUMBER

G-136-23

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

and

FortisBC Inc.
Application for Approval of a Large Commercial Interruptible Rate

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Panel Chair
A. K. Fung, KC, Commissioner
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner

on June 12, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 6, 2022, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), for approval to establish a new rate and Rate Schedule (RS) 38 for the Large Commercial Interruptible Rate for Large Commercial electricity customers (Application);
- B. FBC seeks BCUC approval, on a permanent basis, for the Large Commercial Interruptible Rate as shown in RS 38 – Large Commercial Interruptible Service contained in Appendix A of its Application, to be effective at least 30 days from the date of the order's approval;
- C. FBC proposes that RS 38 would be available to new or existing customers who would otherwise be eligible to receive electricity service under either RS 30 - Large Commercial Service – Primary or RS 31 - Large Commercial Service – Transmission, and which provides non-firm interruptible electricity service under a set of certain defined circumstances;
- D. On August 30, 2022, FBC filed supplemental information on the Application as requested by the BCUC;
- E. By Orders G-226-22, G-331-22 and G-22-23, the BCUC established the regulatory timetable for review of the Application, which included intervener registration, two rounds of information requests, and written final and reply arguments; and
- F. The BCUC has reviewed the Application, evidence and arguments filed in the proceeding and makes the following determinations.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the UCA, and for the reasons stated in the decision issued concurrently with this order, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. Rate Schedule 38 for the Large Commercial Interruptible Service is approved on a pilot basis for a period of five years.
2. FBC is directed to submit, by no later than 15 days from the date of this order, a compliance filing to the BCUC that provides a proposed effective date for RS 38 and the associated revised tariff reflecting the determinations set out in the Decision.
3. FBC is directed to file a report (RS 38 Report), on an annual basis over the pilot period, which will include RS 38 related activities and additional items as outlined in Section 3.3 of the Decision. The first RS 38 Report must be submitted to the BCUC by no later than 90 days after the end of the first full year of RS 38 implementation.
4. FBC is directed to comply with all other directives contained in the decision issued concurrently with this order.

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

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner