



**ORDER NUMBER  
G-188-23**

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

and

FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc.  
Fiscal 2023-2024 Annual Cost of Service Rate for the Thermal Energy Service  
to Delta School District No. 37

**BEFORE:**

A. K. Fung, KC, Panel Chair  
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner  
W. M. Everett, KC, Commissioner

on July 18, 2023

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On June 15, 2023, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 and 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc. (FAES) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval, on an interim and permanent basis, to increase the cost of service (COS) rate (COS Rate) for the thermal energy service provided by FAES to Delta School District No. 37 (DSD) for Fiscal 2023/24 by approximately 2 percent, from \$0.222 to \$0.227 per kilowatt hour (kWh), effective July 1, 2023 (Application);
- B. FAES states that the proposed rate change is based on its forecast annual COS to serve DSD for the Fiscal 2023/24 period;
- C. FAES requests that the live financial model filed in Appendix B to the Application be held confidential, pursuant to Section 18 of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on the basis that it is the result of significant development effort by FAES on behalf of its customers, and therefore the formulas and configuration of the model are commercially sensitive and proprietary;
- D. By Order G-164-23 dated June 28, 2023, the BCUC approved the COS Rate for DSD of \$0.227 per kWh, effective July 1, 2023, on an interim and refundable or recoverable basis, pending completion of the BCUC's review of the Application; and
- E. The BCUC has commenced its review of the Application and finds that the establishment of a regulatory timetable is warranted.

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

1. A regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. FAES is directed to provide a copy of the Application and this order to DSD within 2 business days of the date of this order.
3. FAES's request to keep the live financial model filed in Appendix B to the Application confidential is approved.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

A. K. Fung, KC  
Commissioner

Attachment

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**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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Action	Date (2023)
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to FAES	Tuesday, August 1
FAES response to IR No. 1	Wednesday, August 16
Letters of comment deadline*	Wednesday, August 23
FAES reply to letters of comments (if any)	Friday, August 25
Further process	To be determined

\* In accordance with the BCUC's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#), any person who wishes to share their views, opinions, and insights on the Application may submit a letter of comment using the [Letter of Comment Form](#) available on the BCUC's website. Letters of comment must state, among other matters, the person's views regarding the proceeding and may include, but are not limited to, information such as whether there is a need for additional information or regulatory process.