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# ORDER NUMBER G-191-23

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

and

FortisBC Inc. 2024 Annual Review of Rates

## **BEFORE:**

A. K. Fung, KC, Panel Chair T.A. Loski, Commissioner

on July 21, 2023

# ORDER

#### WHEREAS:

- A. On June 22, 2020, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) issued its Decision and Order G-165-20 for FortisBC Energy Inc. and G-166-20 for FortisBC Inc. (FBC) approving a Multi-Year Rate Plan for 2020 through 2024 (MRP Decision). In accordance with the MRP Decision, FBC is to conduct an annual review (Annual Review) process to set rates for each year;
- B. On June 23, 2015, the BCUC issued its Decision and Order G-107-15 in the FBC Application for Approval of 2015 Rates, setting out, among other things, the default regulatory timetable template for future Annual Reviews to include:
  - Intervener registration;
  - One round of BCUC and intervener information requests;
  - A workshop which may include BCUC panel participation. The format of the workshop, including who facilitates it, will be determined at each annual review proceeding;
  - FBC response to undertakings from the workshop;
  - Intervener written final arguments; and
  - FBC written reply arguments;
- C. By letter dated June 28, 2023, FBC proposed a regulatory timetable for the 2024 Annual Review of Rates; and
- D. The BCUC has reviewed FBC's proposal and finds that the establishment of a regulatory timetable for the 2024 Annual Review of Rates is warranted.

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

- 1. A regulatory timetable for the FBC 2024 Annual Review of Rates is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. FBC must provide, by Wednesday, August 9, 2023, a copy of this order and the Application to all registered interveners in the FBC 2023 Annual Review of Rates proceeding.
- 3. FBC must provide written confirmation of compliance with Directive 2 to the BCUC by Thursday, August 10, 2023.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A. K. Fung, KC Commissioner

Attachment

# FortisBC Inc. 2024 Annual Review of Rates

# **REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

Action	Date (2023)
FBC filing of 2024 Annual Review of Rates	Friday, August 4
FBC provides a copy of the order and Application to parties outlined in Directive 2 of the order	Wednesday, August 9
FBC provides confirmation of compliance with Directive 2 of the order	Thursday, August 10
Intervener Registration	Friday, August 18
BCUC and Intervener Information Request (IR) No. 1	Wednesday, August 30
FBC Responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, September 21
Workshop*	Monday, October 23
FBC Responses to Workshop Undertakings (if any)	Friday, October 27
Intervener Final Argument	Thursday, November 16
FBC Reply Argument	Monday, November 27

\* The transcribed workshop will be held in the afternoon to review FBC's 2023 performance results and 2024 rates. The workshop format, start time and location are to be determined.