



ORDER NUMBER
G-218-23

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
2023 Cost of Service Allocation and Revenue Rebalancing

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair
L. Brown, Commissioner
D. A. Cote, Commissioner

on August 17, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 20, 2023, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the Utilities Commission Act (UCA), its 2023 Cost of Service Allocation (COSA) Study and application for approval of revenue rebalancing, effective January 1, 2025 (Application);
- B. By Decision and Order G-4-18 dated January 9, 2018, the BCUC issued its Decision on FEI's 2016 Cost of Service Allocation (COSA) and revenue to cost ratios directing, among other things, FEI to file a comprehensive and updated COSA study for each of FEI and Fort Nelson for review by the BCUC five years after the release of the final decision. By Order G-135-18 dated July 20, 2018, the BCUC issued its final Decision and Order for FEI 2016 Rate Design Application;
- C. By Decision and Order G-372-22 dated December 16, 2022, the BCUC directed FEI to include, as part of its next COSA Study filing and Rate Design application, the analysis of the costs and revenues associated with its Transportation Service model;
- D. In the Application, FEI requests approval of revenue and rate rebalancing proposals, including the following changes to rate schedules effective January 1, 2025:
 - 1. For Rate Schedule (RS) 1, RS 1U, and RS 1B, increase the Delivery Charge by \$0.055 per GJ;
 - 2. For RS 2, RS 2U, RS and 2B, increase the Basic Charge by \$0.2026 per Day from \$0.9485 to \$1.511 per Day, and decrease the Delivery Charge by \$0.225 per GJ;
 - 3. For RS 3, RS 3U, RS 3B, and RS 23, increase the Basic Charge by \$0.4730 per Day from \$4.7895 to \$5.2625 per Day, and decrease the Delivery Charge by \$0.050 per GJ;
 - 4. For RS 4, decrease the Off-Peak Delivery Charge by \$0.309 per GJ and the Extension Period Delivery Charge by \$0.069 per GJ;

5. For RS 5, RS 5B, and RS 25, decrease the Demand Charge by \$1.989 per GJ per month, and decrease the Delivery Charge by \$0.071 per GJ;
 6. For RS 7 and RS 27, decrease the Delivery Charge by \$0.095 per GJ; and
 7. For RS 22, decrease the Firm Demand Charge by \$0.505 per GJ per month, decrease the Firm MTQ Delivery Charge by \$0.009 per GJ, and decrease the Interruptible MTQ Delivery Charge by \$0.026 per GJ;
- E. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and determines that the establishment of a public hearing is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is established as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. FEI must provide a copy of the Application and this order on or before Friday, August 25, 2023, electronically where possible, to the registered interveners in the following proceedings:
 - a. FEI's 2016 Rate Design Application;
 - b. FEI's 2022 Transportation Service Report; and
 - c. FEI's Annual Review for 2023 Delivery Rates
3. FEI must provide notice of the Application and this order on the appropriate social media platforms, including Twitter and Facebook, and on its website on or before Friday, August 25, 2023.
4. FEI must also publish weekly reminder notices on each of the applicable social media platforms until the conclusion of the intervener registration period on Thursday, September 14, 2023.
5. FEI is directed to provide confirmation of compliance with Directives 2 and 3 by Monday, August 28, 2023, and Directive 4 by Friday, September 15, 2023 including a list of the social media platforms on which the notice was posted, as well as a list of all parties notified pursuant to directive 2.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of August 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2023)
FEI Public Notice of Application	Friday, August 25
Confirmation of compliance with Directives 2 and 3 of Order G-218-23	Monday, August 28
Intervener registration	Thursday, September 14
Confirmation of compliance with Directive 4 of Order G-218-23	Friday, September 15
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1	Thursday, October 5
Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, October 12
FEI responses to IR No. 1	Thursday, November 23
FEI submission on further process	Thursday, December 14
Action	Date (2024)
Intervener submissions on further process	Thursday, January 4
FEI reply submissions on further process	Tuesday, January 11
Further process	To be determined