



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-97-24**

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

and

FortisBC Inc.  
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
for the Fruitvale Substation Project

**BEFORE:**  
M. Jaccard, Commissioner

on March 28, 2024

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On February 29, 2024, pursuant to sections 41, 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), FortisBC Inc. (FBC) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Fruitvale (FRU) Substation Project (Project) (Application);
- B. The Project includes construction of a new FRU substation with two new 20 MVA transformers, and the subsequent decommissioning and demolition of the existing FRU and Hearn's (HER) substations. Both the existing FRU substation and the new FRU substation are at different sites in the village of Fruitvale, BC. The HER substation is in the community of Park Siding, BC;
- C. FBC requests that the following information contained in the Application be held confidential, pursuant to Section 18 of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure:
  - (i) Cost estimates and financial schedules filed as Appendices C and D, which are stated to contain the costs of the various and specific Project components. Confidentiality is requested on the basis that FBC intends to contract the majority of the construction for the Project and providing potential bidders with this information could reasonably be expected to prejudice FBC's negotiating position; and
  - (ii) Map of all properties filed as Appendix F-2 which is stated as outlining the locations of all the properties evaluated for the Project. Confidentiality is requested to ensure privacy for landowners; and
- D. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and determines that establishment of a written public hearing process is warranted.

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

1. A written public hearing is established for the review of the Application in accordance with the regulatory timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. FBC is directed to provide a copy of the Application and this order, electronically where possible, on or before Friday, April 5, 2024, to all known affected or potentially affected parties, including, but not limited to:
  - a. All registered interveners in the FBC 2024 Annual Review of Rates proceeding;
  - b. All stakeholders identified in the Application; and
  - c. All Indigenous groups identified in the Application.
3. FBC is directed to make the Application and this order available on its website at [www.fortisbc.com](http://www.fortisbc.com).
4. FBC is directed to publish the Public Notice in Appendix B to this order on all of its current social media platforms, on or before Friday, April 5, 2024. Weekly reminder posts that include the Public Notice must be published on each of these platforms until the conclusion of the intervener registration period on Monday, April 22, 2024.
5. FBC is directed to provide to the BCUC, by Friday, April 12, 2024, confirmation of when the Public Notice has been posted, including a list of the publications and platforms in which the Public Notice was posted.
6. FBC is directed to provide to the BCUC, by Friday, April 12, 2024, a list of all parties directly notified of the Application and this order, including the method and date of notification.
7. Appendices C, D and F-2 attached to the Application will be held confidential unless determined otherwise by the BCUC.
8. In accordance with the BCUC's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#), parties who wish to actively participate in this proceeding must submit the [Request to Intervene Form](#), available on the BCUC's website at <https://www.bcuc.com/GetInvolved/GetInvolvedProceeding>, by Monday, April 22, 2024, as established in the regulatory timetable. Parties may also submit letters of comment by completing a [Letter of Comment Form](#), available on the BCUC's website.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

M. Jaccard  
Commissioner

Attachment

FortisBC Inc.  
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
for the Fruitvale Substation Project

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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Action	Date (2024)
FBC to publish and provide Notice of the Application	Friday, April 5
FBC to provide confirmation of the Public Notice and a list of all parties notified	Friday, April 12
Intervener registration deadline	Monday, April 22
BCUC information request (IR) No. 1 to FBC	Tuesday, April 23
Intervener IR No. 1 to FBC	Thursday, May 2
FBC responses to BCUC and Intervener IRs No. 1	Thursday, May 23
Further process	To be determined



# We want to hear from you

## FORTISBC INC. CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE FRUITVALE SUBSTATION PROJECT

On February 29, 2024, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Fruitvale (FRU) Substation Project (Project) (Application).

The Application seeks approval to replace the FRU substation by constructing a new substation at a different location in the village of Fruitvale, BC. The Project includes the construction of a new substation and the decommissioning and demolition of the existing FRU and Hearn's (HER) substations. The HER substation is in the community of Park Siding, BC. The Project has an estimated capital cost of approximately \$18.867 million with a forecasted in-service date by the end of 2026.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **Submit a letter of comment**
- **Request intervenor status**

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, April 22, 2024** – Deadline to register as an intervenor with the BCUC

For more information about FBC's Application, please visit the [Proceeding Webpage](#) on bcuc.com under "Our Work – Proceedings." To learn more about getting involved, please visit our website at [www.bcuc.com/get-involved](http://www.bcuc.com/get-involved) or contact us at the information below.

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