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ORDER NUMBER G-78-24

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc. 2022 Long Term Gas Resource Plan

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair

On March 20, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 9, 2022, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed its 2022 Long Term Gas Resource Plan (LTGRP) for acceptance by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to section 44.1(2) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA). FEI seeks BCUC acceptance of the 2022 LTGRP pursuant to section 44.1(6) of the UCA;
- B. By Orders G-146-22; G-222-22; G-287-22; G-17-23; G-99-23; G-150-23; and G-317-23, the BCUC established and amended regulatory timetables for the review of the LTGRP. The regulatory process included: filing of evidentiary updates by FEI in June 2022, August 2022, and February 2023; two rounds of written information requests (IRs); a procedural conference; filing of intervener evidence, and IRs on the intervener evidence; rebuttal evidence filed by FEI, and IRs on the rebuttal evidence; written final arguments by FEI and interveners; and reply argument by FEI; and
- C. The BCUC has reviewed the evidence and submissions filed in this proceeding, and makes the following determinations.

NOW THEREFORE for the reasons outlined in the Decision issued concurrently with this order, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to section 44.1(6) of the UCA, FEI's 2022 LTGRP is accepted in part. The components of FEI's 2022 LTGRP pertaining to (i) investments in Liquefied Natural Gas for marine fueling and global markets, and (ii) the resiliency plan, are rejected.

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- 2. Pursuant to section 44.1(2) of the UCA, FEI must file its next long term gas resource plan on or before March 31, 2026.
- 3. FEI must comply with all other directives outlined in the Decision issued concurrently with this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20th day of March 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski Commissioner

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