



ORDER NUMBER
G-216-24

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

and

FortisBC Inc.
Rate Schedule 38 Tariff Amendment

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Panel Chair
W. E. Royle, Commissioner

on August 13, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 2, 2024, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) requesting a housekeeping amendment to its Rate Schedule 38 (RS 38) tariff page. The filing includes an updated RS 38 tariff page (Revised Tariff Page) to reflect the housekeeping amendment (altogether, Application);
- B. On December 12, 2023, the BCUC issued Order G-340-23, approving the rates for the last year of the five-year Multi-Year-Rate Plan approved under Order G-166-20. Among other things, Order G-340-23 approved FBC to increase its rates for 2024 by 6.74 percent on a permanent basis, effective January 1, 2024. The Order directed FBC to file as a compliance filing amended tariff pages in accordance with the terms of the order for the BCUC's endorsement;
- C. On December 14, 2023, FBC filed revised tariff pages for endorsement of rates effective January 1, 2024, pursuant to Order G-340-23;
- D. On December 27, 2023, the BCUC issued the endorsed tariff pages to FBC;
- E. In the Application, FBC notes that the update to rates in RS 38 was inadvertently missed in the December 14, 2023 filing of revised tariff pages. FBC explains that the Customer Charge and Energy Charge calculation described in RS 38 includes the Customer Charges in effect at the time for RS 30 and RS 31. To remedy the missed filing of RS 38, page R-38.1, FBC has filed a revised RS 38, page R-38.1. FBC states that in order to streamline tariff amendments to RS 38 and avoid a similar omission in future, FBC has made a housekeeping change to RS 38, page R-38.1 to reflect that the monthly rate for each Customer Charge is equal to the Customer Charge in effect in RS 30 or RS 31, whichever is applicable;
- F. On July 26, 2024, in response to BCUC Staff Questions, FBC confirmed that no customers currently take service under RS 38. FBC noted that any customers that eventually do take service under RS 38 are still considered either RS 30 or RS 31 customers in its billing system and therefore, would not have been impacted by the error in the RS 38 tariff page; and

- G. The BCUC has reviewed FBC's proposed housekeeping amendment and determines that acceptance of the Revised Tariff Page, is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 61-63 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders that:

1. FBC's request for acceptance and endorsement of its Revised Tariff Page is approved; and
2. The Revised Tariff Page is accepted for filing effective the date of this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of August 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner