



**ORDER NUMBER  
G-235-24**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.  
FEI Radio-off Advanced Metering Infrastructure Meter Option

**BEFORE:**

E. B. Lockhart, Panel Chair  
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on August 28, 2024

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On August 7, 2024, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed an application (Application) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, seeking approval of proposed terms and conditions and fees and the associated proposed amendments to FEI's General Terms and Conditions (GT&Cs) to its Tariff to implement the Radio-off Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Meter Option effective February 1, 2025;
- B. By Decision and Order C-2-23 dated May 15, 2023, the BCUC granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the AMI Project;
- C. FEI requests the live spreadsheet provided as Appendix A to the Application be held confidential in perpetuity, pursuant to Section 18 of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as it contains costs associated with the radio-off option that is considered commercially sensitive and market competitive information which, if disclosed publicly, could prejudice or influence future negotiations of contracts between FEI and meter reading suppliers or counterparties, which could result in higher costs for customers; and
- D. The BCUC has commenced its review of the Application and finds that the establishment of a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

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

1. A regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is established as set out in Appendix A to this order.

2. On or before Tuesday, September 17, 2024, FEI is directed to provide:
  - a. electronically where possible, a copy of the Application, this order and a link to the proceeding webpage to registered interveners in the FEI Application for a CPCN for Approval of the AMI Project proceeding;
  - b. notice of the Application and this order on its existing social media platforms; and
  - c. notice of the Application and this order on FEI's website at [www.fortisbc.com](http://www.fortisbc.com).
3. FEI is directed to provide to the BCUC, by Thursday, October 3, 2024, written confirmation of compliance with the notice requirements in Directive 2 of this order, including a list of social media platforms on which notice of the Application was posted.
4. Appendix A attached to the Application will be held confidential until determined otherwise by the BCUC.
5. Persons who wish to file a letter of comment in this proceeding may do so by completing a [Letter of Comment Form](#) by Thursday, October 24, 2024.

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

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

E. B. Lockhart  
Commissioner

Attachment

FortisBC Energy Inc.  
FEI Radio-off Advanced Metering Infrastructure Meter Option

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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Action	Date (2024)
FEI provides notice of Application	Tuesday, September 17
FEI provides confirmation of compliance with public notice requirements	Thursday, October 3
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1	Thursday, October 3
FEI responses to IR No. 1	Thursday, October 17
Letters of comment deadline	Thursday, October 24
FEI final argument and reply to letters of comment	Thursday, October 31