



ORDER NUMBER
G-271-24

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

and

Access Gas Services Inc.
B.L. Reconsideration of L-18-24

BEFORE:

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

on October 24, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 29, 2024, B.L. filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) an application for reconsideration of Letter L-18-24 (Reconsideration Application) in accordance with Part V of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached to Order G-72-23 (Rules);
- B. By Letter L-18-24, the BCUC upheld a gas supply agreement (Agreement) between B.L. and Access Gas Services Inc. (Access Gas);
- C. In the Reconsideration Application, B.L. submits that the BCUC erred in law to reach its decision in Letter L-18-24 and seeks to be reimbursed the difference between the cost of gas from FortisBC Energy Inc. and Access Gas from August 2022 to February 2024;
- D. On September 5, 2024, the BCUC requested B.L. to file supplementary information regarding the issues raised by the Reconsideration Application. B.L. filed their response on September 9, 2024; and
- E. The BCUC has reviewed the Reconsideration Application and the supplementary information and finds that the establishment of a public hearing process is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A regulatory timetable for the review of the Reconsideration Application is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. Access Gas is directed to address in its submission whether it was necessary to inspect the power of attorney that the signatory of the Agreement purported to have, in order to:
 - i. comply with the Code of Conduct for Gas Marketers, particularly Article 3; and

- ii. enter into an enforceable contract, further to the requirements of contract law and the law of agency.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of October 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

E. B. Lockhart
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2024)
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to B.L.	Thursday, October 31
B.L. response to BCUC IR No. 1	Thursday, November 7
Submission from Access Gas	Thursday, November 14
Reply submission from B.L., if any	Thursday, November 28