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ORDER NUMBER E-2-25

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Filing of the Deferred Exchange Storage Agreement – Huntingdon Gas Supply between FEI and Avista Corporation

BEFORE:

E. A. Brown, Commissioner E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner B. A. Magnan, Commissioner W. E. Royle, Commissioner

on March 13, 2025

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 7, 2025, pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) an executed copy of Amendment No. 5 to the Deferred Exchange Agreement Huntingdon Gas Supply dated May 14, 2008 negotiated between FEI and Avista Corporation (Avista) for the period April 15, 2025 to April 15, 2028 (Amendment No. 5) (Filing);
- B. By Order G-130-06 dated October 27, 2006, the BCUC established the Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts (Rules). Appendix A of Order G-130-06 contains the Rules, which are intended to facilitate the BCUC's review of natural gas energy supply contracts;
- C. By Order E-30-20 dated December 18, 2020, the BCUC accepted an amendment to the Deferred Exchange Agreement between FEI and Avista for the period of April 16, 2021 to April 15, 2025;
- D. By Letter L-13-24 dated June 7, 2024, the BCUC accepted the FEI 2024/2025 Annual Contracting Plan;
- E. FEI requests that the Filing and associated documents remain confidential in perpetuity due to their commercially sensitive nature; and
- F. The BCUC has reviewed the Filing and is satisfied that Amendment No. 5 is consistent with the Annual Contracting Plan and is in the public interest.

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NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 71 of the UCA and the Rules, the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. Amendment No. 5 is accepted for filing.
- 2. The Filing, including Amendment No. 5, will be kept confidential unless the BCUC determines otherwise.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of March 2025.

BY ORDER

Electronically signed by Wendy Royle

W. E. Royle Commissioner

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