



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-208-25**

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

and

FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc.  
Fixed-Scale Thermal Energy System Exemption Application of the Artesia Thermal Energy System

**BEFORE:**

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

on August 27, 2025

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On July 28, 2025, FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc. (FAES) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) an application (Application) for a Fixed-Scale Thermal Energy System (TES) Exemption for the Artesia TES, in accordance with the BCUC's TES Guidelines approved by Order G-48-25 (TES Guidelines);
- B. On February 26, 2025, by Order G-47-25, the BCUC granted an exemption to a person, or the person's lessee, trustee, receiver or liquidator, who owns or operates in British Columbia a Fixed-Scale TES for the production, generation, storage, transmission, sale, delivery or provision of heat and/or cold for compensation, with a capital cost greater than a minimum threshold, from sections 28 to 30, 34 to 35, 39, 44.1, 45 and 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) for that specific TES. The exemption only applies if:
  - 1. The person files information that allows the BCUC to determine that Order G-47-25 applies to the person's specific TES; and
  - 2. The BCUC determines that Order G-47-25 applies to the person's specific TES;
- C. FAES requests that certain information contained in the Application be held confidential by the BCUC in perpetuity, pursuant to Section 18 of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as attached to Order G-296-24. FAES has provided a version of the Application with the proposed confidential information redacted. FAES states that the redacted information is commercially sensitive and, if publicly disclosed, could reasonably be expected to result in harm or prejudice to FAES's competitive or negotiating position with other parties or future projects; and
- D. The BCUC has reviewed the Application and is satisfied that the Artesia TES meets the eligibility criteria of a Fixed-Scale TES and is suitable for exemption.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 88(3) of the UCA, and with the advance approval of the minister responsible for the administration of the *Hydro and Power Authority Act*, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. FAES is exempt from sections 28 to 30, 34 to 35, 39, 44.1, 45 and 59 to 61 of the UCA for the Artesia TES.
2. FAES must file with the BCUC an annual report for the Artesia TES in accordance with the Fixed-Scale TES annual report form, as outlined in Section C.7 of Appendix C to the TES Guidelines, as may be amended from time to time.
3. The Artesia TES may not be extended without applying to the BCUC to determine whether the extension of the Artesia TES qualifies for exemption.
4. The unredacted version of the Application shall be treated as confidential unless otherwise determined by the BCUC.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 27th day of August 2025.

BY ORDER

*Electronically signed by Bernard Magnan*

B. A. Magnan  
Commissioner