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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-43-09**

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**IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473**

and

**FortisBC Inc.
Application for a Net Metering Rate
Rate Schedule 95**

BEFORE: P.E. Vivian, Commissioner and Panel Chair April 27, 2009
A.A. Rhodes, Commissioner

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 17, 2009, FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") applied to the Commission for approval of Rate Schedule 95 – Net Metering ("the Application"); and
- B. FortisBC developed and prepared the Application to support the policy goals of energy self-sufficiency and clean electricity generation as identified in the provincial 2007 Energy Plan, at the request of interested parties, and in response to Commission Order G-115-07. The Net Metering program applied for in the Application was developed based on the guidelines the Commission provided to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority in Letter L-37-03 dated July 22, 2003; and
- C. The Commission considers that a written hearing is required for the regulatory review of the Application.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 60 and 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A written public hearing process be established according to the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order.
- 2. FortisBC shall publish, as soon as possible, in display-ad format, the Notice of Application and Written Public Hearing Process, attached as Appendix B, in sufficient newspapers in the FortisBC service area to adequately inform the public of the Application. The notice should also be posted on FortisBC website and copies be provided to all stakeholders who participated in the FortisBC 2009 Revenue Requirements Application, the FortisBC 2009-2010 Capital Expansion Plan, and the BC Hydro Net Metering Re-pricing Application.

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3. Intervenor and Interested Parties should register with the Commission, in writing or electronically, by Friday, May 22, 2009 of their intention to actively intervene in the proceeding or to become Interested Parties. Intervenor should state the nature of their interest in the proceeding.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, 28th day of April 2009

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter E. Vivian
Commissioner

Attachments (2)

FortisBC Inc.

Net Metering Application – Rate Schedule 95

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATES (2009)
FortisBC Posts Notification of its Application	Friday, May 8
Registration of Intervenor and Interested Parties	Friday, May 22
BCUC and Intervenor Information Requests No. 1	Wednesday, May 27
FortisBC Responses to Information Requests No. 1	Wednesday, June 10
FortisBC Final Submission	Wednesday, June 17
Intervenor Final Submission	Wednesday, June 24
FortisBC Reply Submission	Monday, July 6

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND
WRITTEN PUBLIC HEARING**

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Application for a Net Metering Rate
Rate Schedule 95

THE APPLICATION

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FortisBC seeks an Order to approve revisions to Rate Schedule 80; Net Metering Rate Schedule 95; and the Net Metering Interconnection Agreement.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

The Commission has established a written public hearing process and Regulatory Timetable for the regulatory review of the Application.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application and supporting materials will be available for inspection at the following locations:

British Columbia Utilities Commission

Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3
Telephone: 1-800-663-1385

Internet

www.bcuc.com

FortisBC Inc. Head Office 1975 Springfield Road, Suite 100 Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 7V7	Internet www.fortisbc.com
FortisBC Inc. Trail Office 1290 Esplanade Trail, B.C. V1R 4L4	Internet www.fortisbc.com

REGISTERING TO PARTICIPATE

Persons who expect to actively participate in this Written Public Hearing process should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing, no later than Friday, May 22, 2009. Intervenor are requested to identify their interest in the Application. Intervenor will each receive a copy of the Application and all correspondence and filed documentation in accordance with the Commission's Document Filing Protocols.

Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the proceeding, should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by the same date. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Executive Summary in the Application and the Commission's Decision when issued.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the general public relating to the Application will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's web site at www.bcuc.com.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Ms. Erica M. Hamilton, Commission Secretary, as follows:

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