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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER C-15-11**

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

and

An Application by FortisBC Energy Inc.
for Approval of an Extension to the Franchise Agreement
with the District of Mackenzie

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner December 22, 2011
D. Morton, Commissioner
R.D. Revel, Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 1, 2011, FortisBC Energy Inc. [FEI, formerly known as BC Gas Utility Ltd. (BC Gas)] applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of an extension of the Franchise Agreement with the District of Mackenzie (Municipality) and FEI (Application);
- B. The Franchise Agreement expired on December 15, 2011;
- C. FEI and the Municipality have entered into an Amending Agreement which extends the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement to June 15, 2012;
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Application and considers that approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission, pursuant to section 45 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, approves the Amending Agreement as filed.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd of December 2011.

BY ORDER

D. Morton
Commissioner