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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-128-13

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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 (Vancouver Island) Inc.
for Approval to Amend the Gas Tariff Standard Terms and Conditions and Rates for Gas Service -
Part D Rate Schedule Large Commercial Service No. 13 (LCS-13) General Firm Transportation Service**

BEFORE:

L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner
B.A. Magnan, Commissioner
D.M. Morton, Commissioner
R.D. Revel, Commissioner
C. van Wermeskerken, Commissioner

August 22, 2013

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 25, 2013, FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc. (FEVI) applied for approval to amend its Gas Tariff Standard Terms and Conditions and Rates for gas service to introduce Part D - Rate Schedule Large Commercial Service No. 13 (LCS-13) General Firm Transportation Service (the Application), effective March 1, 2013;
- B. In the FortisBC Energy Utilities (FEU) 2012 and 2013 Revenue Requirements and Natural Gas Rates Application, FEU asked for approval to maintain current natural gas rates for all FEVI customers other than those with specified rates in their transportation service agreements for a two-year period commencing January 1, 2012, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the Utilities Commission Act and section 2.1 of the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Agreement Special Direction. British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) Order G-44-12 dated April 12, 2012, approved FEU's proposal of the maintenance of FEVI 2011 rates for 2012 and 2013 for all customers other than those with specified rates in their transportation agreements;
- C. On February 27, 2013, FEVI submitted a Revision Filing to Page TA-D.3 of the proposed Tariff to the Commission, as the original version filed inadvertently missed the section for execution between the parties to the Transportation Agreement;
- D. The Commission reviewed the Application and determined that the Interested Parties (natural gas marketers, existing and potential transportation customers, and registered interveners from the FEU 2012 and 2013 Revenue Requirements and Natural Gas Rates Application) should have the opportunity to provide their comments on the

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proposed Tariff amendment and this new service;

- E. Commission Order G-33-13, dated March 7, 2013, approved FEVI's proposed Part D - Rate Schedule Large Commercial Service No. 13 (LCS-13) General Firm Transportation Service on an interim and refundable basis effective March 1, 2013 and required FEVI to request comments from Interested Parties within 30 days of the distribution of the Application and Order to the Interested Parties;
- F. FEVI distributed Order G-33-13 and the Application to Interested Parties on March 13, 2013 and requested comments to be sent to the Commission and FEVI by April 12, 2013;
- G. On March 26, 2013, FEVI filed an amendment to the Application to make twenty revisions to the proposed Tariff. At the same time as filing the amendment, FEVI copied the Interested Parties and requested their comments on the the inclusion of proposed amendments to the Application;
- H. Commission Letter L-26-13 dated May 9, 2013, advised FEVI that a full Hearing will not be required for this Application and that Commission staff will perform an internal review of the comments from Interested Parties, the FEVI response and the Interim Tariff, as amended by the February 27, 2013 and March 26, 2013 filings. The Commission will also submit a round of information requests to FEVI;
- I. The Commission notes there is a reconsideration of the FEU Amalgamation underway, which could impact this tariff;
- J. The Commission has reviewed and considered the Application as amended and all related filing including the responses to Information Requests 1 and 2.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Tariff is approved on a permanent basis effective March 1, 2013, subject to FEVI filing a complete package, including black-lined and clean versions of all the revised Tariff pages, by September 3, 2013.
- 2. FEVI must advise Interested Parties and Commercial customers of the issuance of this Order, approving the permanent tariff and advising customers that any complaints on the permanent tariff must be received within 60 days, in recognition that they did not participate in the ongoing review.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of August 2013.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner