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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-33-13**

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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: B.A. Magnan, Commissioner
R.D. Revel, Commissioner March 7, 2013
C. van Wermeskerken, Commissioner

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. The Commission has reviewed the Application and has 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 proposed Tariff amendment and this new service.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Effective March 1, 2013, the Tariff amendment to introduce Part D - Rate Schedule Large Commercial Service No. 13 (LCS-13) General Firm Transportation Service is approved on an interim and refundable basis, 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.
2. FEVI must supply Interested Parties with a copy of this Order and the Application within seven (7) days of the date of this Order, and request that comments on the proposed Tariff amendments be sent to the Commission and FEVI within 30 days of the distribution of the proposed Tariff to the Interested Parties.
3. The Commission will provide FEVI an opportunity to reply to the comments filed, after which the Commission will determine whether further process in the review of the proposed Tariff amendment is required.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of March 2013.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B.A. Magnan
Commissioner