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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-3-15**

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

and

**FortisBC Inc.
Self-Generation Policy Application**

BEFORE: B. A. Magnan, Panel Chair/Commissioner
L. A. O'Hara, Commissioner
R. D. Revel, Commissioner
January 13, 2015

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 6, 2014, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order G-60-14 and the attached reasons for decision which included the following directive:

FortisBC Inc. is directed to initiate a concurrent consultation process in its service territory to address or ensure:

- (i) the potential benefits of self-generation;
- (ii) the 1999 Access Principles in the context of self-generating customers;
- (iii) if the GBL methodology is proposed, GBL Guidelines for both idle historic self-generation and new self-generation; and
- (iv) arbitrage is not allowed.

FortisBC Inc. is further directed to file a resultant Self-Generation Policy application with the Commission by December 31, 2014, that establishes high level principles for its service territory.

- B. On May 26, 2014, in the reasons attached to Order G-67-14 regarding FortisBC Inc. (FBC) application for approval of a Stand-by rate (Application for Stepped and Stand-By Rates for Transmission Voltage Customers) the Commission stated that after the completion of the FBC Self-Generation Policy application, FBC should develop principles, attached as a Tariff Supplement to the Stand-by rate, for establishing certain demand levels for future Stand-by customer;
- C. By letter dated December 30, 2014, the Commission granted FBC's request for an extension to January 9, 2015, to file the Self-Generation Policy application (the Application);

- D. On January 9, 2015, FBC filed the Application which includes policy statements on the subjects of Arbitrage, the 1999 Access Principles, Generator Baseline Guidelines, and the benefits of self-generation;
- E. FBC states that it engaged in public consultation regarding the Application with the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.*, B.C. Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club of British Columbia, Nelson Hydro, Columbia Power Corporation, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro), British Columbia Municipal Electrical Utilities, and Zellstoff Celgar Limited Partnership;
- F. In its Application FBC asserts that it has fulfilled the requirements to consult on and submit high level policies as required by Order G-60-14 and requests that the Commission issue an order, without further process, as followings:
- (i) The Commission finds that FBC fulfilled the requirement to consult on and submit high level principles as required by Order G-60-14;
 - (ii) FBC is directed to file with the Commission an application for approval of Generator Baseline (GBL) Guidelines (FBC GBL Guidelines application) no later than 90 days after the approval of either the BC Hydro Application for Approval of Contracted GBL Guidelines and Reconsideration and Variance of Order G-19-14 or approval of the BC Hydro Application for Approval of Section 2.5 Guidelines for Tariff Supplement No. 3 to Rate Schedule 3808, whichever occurs later, and that the FBC GBL Guidelines application should incorporate the self-generation policies set out in this Application; and
 - (iii) FBC is directed to file with the Commission an application for approval of a tariff supplement that incorporates the self-generation policies set out in this Application no later than 90 days after the date of a decision on this Application or a decision in the FBC Application for Stepped and Stand-By Rates for Transmission Voltage Customers proceeding, whichever occurs later; and
- G. The Commission has reviewed the Application and concludes that a procedural conference to hear submissions from stakeholders on the regulatory review process for this Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A Procedural Conference will take place at 9.00 a.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2015, in the Commission Hearing Room located on the Twelfth Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver BC.
2. The Commission will issue further instructions regarding the Procedural Conference, in due course.
3. Interveners and interested parties should register their intention to intervene with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) via email or in writing, by Thursday, January 29, 2015. Interveners and interested parties should specifically state the nature of their interest in the Application, and identify

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generally the nature of the issues that they intend to pursue during the preceding, and the nature and extent of their anticipated involvement in the Application.

4. FortisBC Inc. (FBC) is to provide a copy of the Application and this order, electronically where possible, to all interveners in the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Application for Approval of Section 2.5 Guidelines for Tariff Supplement No. 3 to Rate Schedule 3808 proceeding, the FBC Stepped and Stand-By Rates for Transmission Voltage Customers Application proceeding, and any other stakeholders or interested parties FBC considers appropriate.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of January 2015.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Panel Chair/Commissioner