



ORDER NUMBER
G-14-17

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

and

FortisBC Inc.
Self-Generation Policy Stage II Application

BEFORE:

H. G. Harowitz, Panel Chair/Commissioner
M. Kresivo, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner
D. M. Morton, Commissioner

on February 2, 2017

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 10, 2016, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) its Self-Generation Policy Stage II Application, seeking among other things, approval of the Self-Supply Obligation Guidelines (SSO) and the Stand-by Billing Demand (SBBB) (Application);
- B. On March 4, 2016, the Commission issued Order G-27-16 concurrently with the FBC Self-Generation Policy Stage I Decision. In accordance with Order G-27-16, the Commission directed FBC, among other things, to file its Self-Generation Policy Stage II Application, to include both a comprehensive Self-Generation Policy and the Generator Baseline Guidelines, within 120 days of the date of that order;
- C. On April 27, 2016, the Commission granted an initial extension to the filing date for the Application from June 30, 2016 to August 30, 2016. On August 9, 2016, the Commission granted the second extension to the filing date for the Application to September 30, 2016. On September 22, 2016, the Commission granted the third extension to the filing date for the Application to November 10, 2016;
- D. FBC notes that the Application sets out a comprehensive Self-Generation Policy and the Generator Baseline Guidelines, referred as Self-Supply Obligation (or SSO in the Application);
- E. FBC engaged in public consultations regarding the Self-Generation Policy Stage II Application. On October 7, 2016, FBC provided to stakeholders and interested parties: 1) draft Self-Supply Obligation Guidelines; and 2) a FBC Self-Supply Obligation-Discussion Guide and invited them for written submissions on these documents;
- F. In the Application, FBC requests approval of an adjustment to the SBBB as the appropriate mechanism to receive a share of the net-benefits attributable to the self-generation for a future customer that will not be

making third-party sales, or will do so only after having offset its load. SBBB is a billing determinant in Rate Schedule (RS) 31 that is applicable to customers also utilizing the FBC's stand-by service (RS 37); and

- G. The Commission has determined that a public hearing process for the review of the Application is warranted and considers that a regulatory timetable should be established.

NOW THEREFORE, the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

1. A public hearing process is established for the review of the FortisBC Inc. Self-Generation Policy Stage II Application in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. The hearing process will proceed in two phases. Phase A will address the FortisBC Inc. Self-Generation Policy, the Self-Supply Obligation Guidelines, and the concept and key principles of the stand-by rate methodology as a mechanism to receive a share of net-benefits attributable to the self-generation. Phase B will commence, if necessary, after determination on matters considered in Phase A and will address the remaining issues regarding the Stand-Billing Demand, as proposed by FortisBC Inc. in the Self-Generation Policy Stage II Application.
3. FortisBC Inc. is directed to provide a copy of this order to participants of the FortisBC Inc. Self-Generation Policy Stage II Application public consultation process by the date established in the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this order.
4. Interveners who wish to participate in the regulatory proceeding are to register with the Commission by completing a Request to Intervene Form, available on the Commission's website at <http://www.bcu.com/Registration-Intervener-1.aspx> by the date established in the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this order and in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 2nd day of February 2017.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

H. G. Harowitz
Commissioner

Attachment

FortisBC Inc.
Self-Generation Policy Stage II Application

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2017)
FortisBC Inc. (FBC) Notification to Stakeholders	Thursday, February 9
Commission Information Request (IR) No. 1	Wednesday, March 15
FBC Response to Commission IR No. 1	Friday, April 21
Intervener Registration Deadline	Friday, April 28
Commission IR No. 2 and Intervener IRs No. 1	Wednesday, May 31
FBC Response to Commission IR No. 2 and Intervener IRs No. 1	Wednesday, June 28
Further Process to be Determined Including Deadline for Submitting Participant Assistance/Cost Award Budgets	TBD