



**ORDER NUMBER
R-24-17**

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

and

FortisBC Inc.
Application for Acceptance of a Mitigation Plan (Version 1) required for
Compliance with Mandatory Reliability Standard:
VAR-002-WECC-1 Requirement 1 – Violation ID: BCUC2016000593

BEFORE:
W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner

on March 7, 2017

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 125.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) assigns exclusive jurisdiction to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) to determine whether a “reliability standard,” as defined in the UCA, is in the public interest and should be adopted in British Columbia. By Order G-123-09, the Commission approved the Compliance Monitoring Program (CMP) for monitoring and enforcement of adopted reliability standards and appointed the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) as its Administrator for registration and monitoring compliance as per section 8 of the UCA. WECC’s role as Administrator for the BC Mandatory Reliability Standards (MRS) Program was renewed in the first amended Administration Agreement, dated August 21, 2014. The CMP was revised and updated by Commission Order R-12-17, dated February 23, 2017;
- B. Pursuant to section 5 of the CMP, an entity subject to approved Mandatory Reliability Standards found in Confirmed Violation of a reliability standard must prepare a Mitigation Plan (MP) to correct the Confirmed Violation or prepare a description of how the Confirmed Violation has been mitigated. An MP with respect to a Confirmed Violation must be submitted to the Administrator within ten days following confirmation by the Commission;
- C. An MP with respect to an Alleged Violation may be submitted at any time and the Commission encourages entities to mitigate all perceived instances of noncompliance upon detection;
- D. On November 18, 2016, FortisBC Inc. (FortisBC) submitted an MP (Version 1) to address the Alleged Violation noted above with a proposed completion date of March 31, 2017;
- E. By email dated March 1, 2017, WECC recommended that the Commission accept the following MP to bring FortisBC into compliance with the Reliability Standard identified below:

Reliability Standard	BCUC Violation ID	Date MP (Version 1) Submitted to WECC	Proposed Completion Date
VAR-002-WECC-1 R1	BCUC2016000593	November 18, 2016	March 31, 2017

F. The Commission reviewed WECC's recommendation and considers acceptance is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 125.2(10) of the *Utilities Commission Act* and in accordance with the Compliance Monitoring Program, the British Columbia Utilities Commission accepts the Mitigation Plan with the proposed completion date as identified above.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of March 2017.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

W. M. Everett, QC
Commissioner