



ORDER NUMBER
G-43-19

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

and

FortisBC Inc.
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the
Grand Forks Terminal Station Reliability Project

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair/Commissioner
W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on February 28, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 19, 2018, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) submitted an application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) seeking approval for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), for the Grand Forks Terminal (GFT) Station Reliability Project (Application);
- B. The Application consists of the following (collectively, the Project):
 - 1. Purchase and Installation of a second transformer at GFT Station;
 - 2. Removal of 44.6km of transmission lines “9 line” (9L) and “10 line” (10L) between the Christina Lake and Cascade substations; and
 - 3. Repurposing of the remaining 20.8km of transmission lines 9L and 10L to distribution lines in order to continue supplying power to existing customers;
- C. By Order G-250-18 dated December 21, 2018, the BCUC established a written hearing process and regulatory timetable to review the Application. The timetable included intervener registration, one round of information requests and further process to be determined;
- D. BCMEU, Industrial Consumers Group (ICG), the Commercial Energy Consumers of British Columbia (CEC), British Columbia Old Age Pensioners’ Organization Disability Alliance BC, Council of Senior Citizens’ Organizations of BC, and the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre (BCOAPO et al.), Mr. Alan Wait and Mr. Norman Gabana registered as interveners;
- E. Following the first round of information requests, the BCUC received submissions from FBC, BCMEU, the CEC and BCOAPO et al., which recommended proceeding to final arguments, and a submission from ICG which recommended a second round of information requests, followed by submissions on further process; and

F. The BCUC has reviewed the submissions, and has determined that a further regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE for the reasons attached as Appendix B to this order, the BCUC orders that a further regulatory timetable is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of February 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
BCUC and Intervener Information Request (IR) No. 2	Thursday, March 7
FBC response to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 2	Thursday, March 21
Intervener(s) to file Notices of Intention to File Evidence together with a brief summary of the nature of the proposed evidence and its relevance	Monday, March 25
Parties' written submissions on further process, including the relevance and admissibility of any proposed evidence	Thursday, March 28

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REASONS FOR FURTHER PROCESS

1.0 Application and Scope

On November 29, 2018, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) submitted an application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) seeking approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Grand Forks Terminal (GFT) Station Reliability Project (Application). By Order G-250-18, dated December 21, 2018, the BCUC established the initial regulatory timetable, including intervenor registration and a round of Information Requests (IR) with further process to be determined.

2.0 Further Process for the Proceeding

Upon reviewing responses to the first round of information requests, and parties' submissions on further process, the Panel considers it necessary to have a second round of information requests to clarify information on certain topics, particularly with regards to the consultation process, equipment conditions, project alternatives and capital cost estimates. While not limiting the scope, the Panel is mindful of balancing a fulsome evidentiary record with regulatory efficiency and thus encourages parties to only utilize the second round of information requests where necessary. **Therefore, a further regulatory timetable for the Application is established, as set out in Appendix A of this order.**