



**ORDER NUMBER
G-200-19**

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

and

FortisBC Inc.
Application for Approval of Stepped and Stand-by Rates
for Transmission Voltage Customers

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Commissioner

on August 23, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 28, 2013, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of new rates for transmission voltage customers under sections 58-61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (2013 Application);
- B. The 2013 Application requested, among other things, approval of a Stand-by Service Rate Schedule (RS) 37 for transmission voltage customers;
- C. On March 24, 2015, the BCUC issued its decision and Order G-46-15 (Stage II Decision), and directed FBC, among other things, to file for approval a Tariff Supplement to RS 37 that establishes the principles to be considered in setting future customers' Stand-by Billing Demand (SBBB), no later than ninety days after the BCUC issued a decision on the FBC Self-Generation Policy Application (SGP Application);
- D. On February 27, 2019, the BCUC issued its decision and Order G-41-19 on the SGP Application;
- E. On May 23, 2019, FBC filed for approval the Tariff Supplement to RS 37 establishing the principles to be considered in setting future customers' SBBB for RS 37 (Application);
- F. In the Application, FBC stated that the Application was filed in order to comply with the direction provided in the Stage II Decision, however, it does not believe that a Tariff Supplement to RS 37 is required. FBC submits that RS 37 can function without the addition of a tariff supplement. Specifically:
 - An SBBB is already in place for Zellstoff-Celgar Limited Partnership;
 - RS 37 has been part of the FBC Electric Tariff for an extended period without inclusion of a supplement;

- The RS 37 tariff supplement was to be directed for future customers, but FBC is not aware of any potential customer for this service;
- If a future customer were to emerge seeking stand-by service and determination of SBBD came to be required:
 - RS 37 in its present form already provides for agreement on or BCUC determination of the SBBD;
 - Other provisions in the Electric Tariff contemplate agreement between FBC and a customer without setting out further principles that would underpin that agreement, as the tariff supplement would have done; and

G. The BCUC has reviewed the Application and agrees that the approval of a Tariff Supplement to RS 37 should wait until an eligible customer applies for service under RS 37.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. FBC has complied with the directive set out in decision and Order G-46-15, dated March 24, 2015.
2. The application for approval of a Tariff Supplement to RS 37 is dismissed.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of August 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski
Commissioner