



ORDER NUMBER
G-86-22

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Application for Common Rates and 2022 Revenue Requirements
for the Fort Nelson Service Area

BEFORE:

A. K. Fung, QC, Panel Chair
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner

on March 24, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 12, 2021, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, an application for approval to set the delivery rates and the Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism (RSAM) rate rider for the Fort Nelson service area (FEFN), effective January 1, 2022 (2022 Delivery Rates), and to implement common delivery rates and cost of gas rates for FEFN with FEI, effective January 1, 2023 (Common Rates) (together, the Application);
- B. In the Application, FEI requests the following approvals for FEFN, among others:
- (i) To increase FEFN delivery rates by 3.41 percent on a permanent basis, effective January 1, 2022;
 - (ii) To change the RSAM rate rider from a credit of \$0.333 per gigajoule (GJ) to \$0.416 per GJ on a permanent basis, effective January 1, 2022;
 - (iii) To implement common delivery rates with FEI for FEFN Rate Schedule (RS) 1, RS 2 and RS 3, effective January 1, 2023, including the phase-in of common delivery rates for the FEFN residential customer rate class (RS 1) over 10 years through the creation of a Residential Customer Phase-in Rate Rider, effective January 1, 2023, to mitigate the initial delivery rate impact to FEFN residential customers; and
 - (iv) To amalgamate FEFN's gas supply portfolio costs with FEI's Midstream Cost Reconciliation Account, effective January 1, 2023, which includes charging FEFN customers the same cost of gas rate as FEI and setting FEFN's midstream rates based on 5 percent of FEI's midstream rates;
- C. By Orders G-227-21, G-315-21 and G-20-22, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, including one round of BCUC and intervenor information requests (IRs) to FEI on 2022 Delivery Rates and Common Rates, written final and reply arguments on 2022 Delivery Rates, a second

round of BCUC and intervener IRs to FEI on Common Rates, intervener evidence on Common Rates, an opportunity for FEI to file rebuttal evidence on Common Rates, followed by written final and reply arguments on Common Rates;

- D. By letter dated March 22, 2022, Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce (FNDCC) and Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (NRRM) requested a two-week extension, from March 30 to April 13, 2022, to file responses to IR No. 1 on intervener evidence on Common Rates due to resource constraints; and
- E. The BCUC has reviewed FNDCC and NRRM's extension requests and determines that an amended regulatory timetable for the review of the Application should be established.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders that the regulatory timetable established by Order G-20-22 is amended, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of March 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A. K. Fung, QC
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action		Date (2022)	
Response to IR No. 1 on Intervener Evidence on Common Rates		Wednesday, April 13	
FEI Notice to File Rebuttal Evidence on Common Rates		Thursday, April 21	
	With Rebuttal Evidence	Without Rebuttal Evidence	
FEI Rebuttal Evidence on Common Rates	Monday, May 2	N/A	
IR No. 1 on Rebuttal Evidence on Common Rates	Monday, May 16	N/A	
FEI Response to IR No. 1 on Rebuttal Evidence on Common Rates	Tuesday, May 31	N/A	
FEI Written Final Argument on Common Rates	Tuesday, June 7	Monday, May 2	
Intervener Written Final Argument on Common Rates	Tuesday, June 21	Monday, May 16	
FEI Written Reply Argument on Common Rates	Wednesday, July 6	Tuesday, May 31	