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ORDER NUMBER G-261-22

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

and

FortisBC Inc.

Application for Approval of a Deferral Account for Electric Vehicle Workplace and Fleet Charging Funding

BEFORE:

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

on September 16, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 13, 2022, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) filed an Application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), for the approval of a new non-rate base deferral account (Electric Vehicle (EV) Fleet and Workplace Charging Funding Account) for the EV Fleet Charging Funding Program (Program) pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (Application);
- B. FBC is of the view that the Program is consistent with section 18 of the *Clean Energy Act*, as a prescribed undertaking under section 4 of the Province's Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Clean Energy) Regulation;
- C. The Program will provide funding to organizations to assist in the acquisition and installation of EV charging infrastructure to encourage the use of EVs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. FBC proposes a one-time, non-repayable contribution of \$2,150 per Level 2 EV charger, capped at seven chargers per site (According to FBC, Level 2 charging is the level most commonly used for daily EV charging, adding 20–130 kilometers of range per hour and uses 208/240 volts.);
- D. In the Application, FBC seeks approval of a new non-rate base deferral account called the EV Fleet and Workplace Charging Funding Account, attracting allowance for funds used during construction to capture all costs incurred to implement the undertaking, including the funding itself, as well as administration, and regulatory proceeding costs; and
- E. By Order G-152-22, dated June 6, 2022, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable that included intervener registration and one round of BCUC and intervener information requests (IR) with further process to be determined;
- F. By letter dated August 29, 2022, the BCUC sought written submission on further evidence and regulatory process. In response to the BCUC's letter, all parties support moving onto written final arguments; and

G. The Panel has reviewed FBC's responses to IR No. 1 along with the written submissions and considers an amendment to the regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC amends the regulatory timetable, attached as Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this day of September 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

E.B. Lockhart Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2022)
FBC Written Final Argument	Tuesday, October 18
Intervener Written Final Argument	Tuesday, November 1
FBC Reply Argument	Tuesday, November 15