



**ORDER NUMBER
G-371-22**

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

and

FortisBC Inc.
2023 to 2027 Demand-Side Management Expenditures Plan

BEFORE:

E. B. Lockhart, Panel Chair
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on December 16, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 6, 2022, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), its Application for Acceptance of Demand-Side Management (DSM) Expenditures Plan for the period covering 2023 to 2027 (Application), pursuant to section 44.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), seeking acceptance of DSM total expenditures of \$82.583 million for 2023 through 2027;
- B. FBC also seeks approval of:
 - 1. proposed changes to its existing funding transfer and carryover rules;
 - 2. a new variance allowance rule on total portfolio expenditures in the final year of the DSM Plan; and
 - 3. a rate base deferral account to capture the regulatory costs associated with the review of this Application
- C. By order G-182-22, dated July 4, 2022, the BCUC established a public hearing and regulatory timetable including intervener registration, one round of information requests, and final and reply arguments;
- D. The BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA), British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al (BCOAPO); Commercial Energy Consumer Association of British Columbia (CEC), DMG Blockchain Solutions (DMG) and the Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA) registered as interveners in the proceeding;
- E. FBC filed its Final Argument on September 14, 2022. Final Arguments were filed by BCSEA, BCOAPO, CEC and the RCIA by September 28, 2022, and FBC provided its Reply Argument on October 12, 2022;
- F. The Panel has reviewed the evidence and arguments in the proceeding and considers the following determinations are warranted.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to section 44.2 of the UCA, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. The FBC DSM expenditure schedule, outlined in Table 4-2 of the Application and setting out expenditures of \$82.583 million for 2023 through 2027, is accepted;
2. FBC's requested changes to the transfer and funding carryover rules for the DSM Plan are approved, as outlined in section 3.1.4 of the decision accompanying this order;
3. FBC's request for a new variance allowance rule regarding total portfolio expenditures in the final year of the DSM Plan is approved, as outlined in section 3.1.4 of the decision accompanying this order; and
4. FBC's request to establish a rate base deferral account to capture the regulatory costs associated with the review of the Application is approved.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16th day of December 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

E. B. Lockhart
Commissioner