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Via Email
Original via Mail

Mr. Alan Wait
Box 2663, 210 Winnipeg Avenue
Grand Forks, B.C.
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Dear Mr. Wait

Re: FortisBC Inc. (FBC)

**Multi-Year Performance Based Ratemaking Plan for 2014 through 2019
approved by British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) Order G-139-
14 (the PBR Plan) – Annual Review for 2016 Rates (the Application)**

Response to Mr. Alan Wait's Information Request (IR) No. 1

On September 11, 2015, FBC filed the Application referenced above. In accordance with Commission Order G-139-15 setting out the Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application, FBC respectfully submits the attached response to Mr. Wait's IR No. 1.

Due to a small number of updates to the forecasts in the Application, FBC will be filing an Evidentiary Update prior to the Annual Review Workshop. The Evidentiary Update will include the items listed below:

- Update to incorporate the forecast 2016 reduction in property taxes (see response to BCUC IR 1.16.3);
- Update to the balance in the Capacity and Energy Purchase and Sale Agreement with Powerex Corp. Application deferred account (see response to BCUC IR 1.21.3); and
- Update to 2015 and 2016 revenue to give effect to certain determinations of the Commission in the Stage IV Decision regarding Celgar's Stand-by Billing Demand (Order G-14-15).

If further information is required, please contact Joyce Martin at 250-368-0319.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC INC.

Original signed by: Joyce Martin

For: Diane Roy

Attachments

cc: Commission Secretary
Registered Parties (email only)



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1 1. Over one year ago, major parts of Grand Forks, including some downtown areas,
2 suffered a power outage of over 2 hours when a loader at the Regional Dump backed
3 into a power pole. Did this accident create problems at the Ruckle Substation that
4 caused the long extensive delay restoring power? If so what were they, and have those
5 conditions been remedied now, so that power can be restored more quickly in the
6 future?

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8 **Response:**

9 This accident created a fault on the power system that was detected at Grand Forks Terminal
10 Station, not the Ruckles Substation. An overly sensitive relay on the station power transformer
11 was the cause of the extended outage. Had it operated correctly, FBC would have been able to
12 isolate the faulted section of line and restore power to the majority of customers sooner. This
13 faulty relay has been taken out of service and will be replaced early next year as part of regular
14 transformer maintenance. In the interim, the protection functionality is provided by other
15 protective devices.