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British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
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Attention: Mr. Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary and Manager, Regulatory Support

Dear Mr. Wruck:

**Re: FortisBC Inc. (FBC) 2017 Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Application
Project No. 1598939
Request to Amend the Regulatory Timetable**

FBC writes to request an amendment to the Regulatory Timetable as set out in British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) Orders G-23-18 and G-62-18 in this proceeding.

The present deadline for FBC to respond to the first round of information requests (IRs) is April 24, 2018. FBC received 1,200 IRs in total from the Commission and various interveners.

FBC is seeking a two-week extension of time to respond to the first round of IRs from April 24 to May 8. FBC seeks this extension given the large volume of IRs received, and the fact that FBC has only a few key individuals directly responsible for this proceeding. Further, FBC's third party expert, EES Consulting Inc., has one primary resource working on this proceeding so also faces resource constraints in assisting FBC in responding to the large number of IRs.

FBC further proposes that the remaining dates in the regulatory timetable be deferred in order to account for the extension that it seeks.

Presently the next step after the filing of FBC's IR responses is the filing of intervener evidence, which is scheduled for May 7, 2018. Extending this deadline by two weeks (corresponding to the extension sought by FBC for IR responses) would cause the deadline to fall on Victoria Day (May 21). As such, for interveners' benefit, FBC would propose a slight further adjustment to Wednesday, May 23. If the remaining dates are set roughly at the presently scheduled intervals after May 23, with some slight adjustments (trimming down

FBC intervals where possible, and again slightly extending an intervener deadline that would otherwise fall immediately after Canada Day) FBC proposes a revised timetable as follows:

Action	Presently Scheduled Date (2018)	Proposed Date (2018)
Response to Commission and Intervener IR No. 1	Tuesday, April 24	Tuesday, May 8
Intervener evidence	Monday, May 7	Wednesday, May 23
Intervener written submissions on further process	Monday, May 14	Wednesday, May 30
FBC reply written submission on further process	Friday, May 18	Friday, June 1 <i>(this assumes intervener submissions are received on May 30)</i>
Commission, intervener and FBC Information Requests (IR) on intervener evidence	Tuesday, May 29	Tuesday, June 12
PACA budget deadline	Tuesday, June 5	Tuesday, June 19
Intervener responses to IRs on evidence	Tuesday, June 19	Wednesday, July 4
Commission and Intervener IR No. 2 on FBC's Application (if needed)	Thursday, June 21	Friday, July 6
FBC rebuttal evidence (if needed)	Tuesday, June 26	Wednesday, July 11
Commission and intervener IRs on rebuttal evidence (if needed)	Wednesday, July 11	Thursday, July 26
FBC responses to Commission and Intervener IR No. 2 on FBC's Application (if needed)	Thursday, July 12	Friday, July 27
FBC response to IRs on rebuttal evidence (if needed)	Wednesday, July 25	Wednesday, August 8
Oral hearing (if needed)	Week of July 30	Week of August 13
Final and reply arguments	To be determined	To be determined

In FBC's submission, this adjustment to the timetable would still provide for an opportunity to conclude review of the Application in time for a January 1, 2019 implementation date.

If further information is required, please contact Corey Sinclair at 250-469-8038.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC INC.

Original signed:

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cc (email only): Registered Parties