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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  
FBC Comments on Regulatory Timetable**

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FBC writes in response to the request for comments from the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) in Exhibit A-6. Specifically, the Commission requested comments from FBC and registered interveners on the remainder of the revised regulatory timetable proposed by FBC in Exhibit B-5, and the request from the Kaslo Seniors Community Association Branch #81 (KSCA) in Exhibit C4-5 that the sequence of the regulatory timetable be amended, so that procedural submissions and decision on further process take place in advance of intervener evidence (the KSCA Request).

FBC respectfully submits the following comments in the context of the matters already decided by the Commission in Exhibit A-4 following the procedural conference held on March 6, 2018.

With respect to the KSCA Request, FBC has no objection to scheduling intervener evidence following procedural submissions and a decision on further process subject to two concerns. First, FBC wishes to ensure that accommodating KSCA's Request does not unnecessarily lengthen the proceeding. KSCA, as well as any other interveners intending to submit evidence, can and should be concurrently working on their evidence now as their evidence is unlikely to be forthcoming solely as a result of FBC responses to IRs No. 1. The IR responses may provide interveners with additional information to consider or supplement in their evidence, but it is extremely unlikely that IR responses would form the exclusive or even primary basis of intervener evidence. Second, from a procedural fairness viewpoint, without the benefit of intervener evidence being filed before making submissions on further process, FBC would reserve the right to make further procedural submissions to the Commission should anything in the intervener evidence, once filed, warrant it. Nonetheless, if the Commission is inclined to grant the KSCA's Request and keeping in mind an August timeframe for an oral hearing (if any) due to limited Commissioner available in September,

FBC proposes the following further revisions to the regulatory timetable that had been proposed by FBC in Exhibit B-5:

Action	Proposed Date (2018)
Intervener written submissions on further process	Tuesday, May 15
FBC reply written submission on further process	Thursday, May 17
Commission decision on further process	Friday, May 25
Intervener evidence	Friday, June 1
Commission, intervener and FBC Information Requests (IR) on intervener evidence	Friday, June 22
PACA budget deadline	Friday, June 29
Intervener responses to IRs on evidence	Monday, July 16
Commission and Intervener IR No. 2 on FBC's Application (if needed)	Friday, July 20
FBC rebuttal evidence (if needed)	Wednesday, July 25
Commission and intervener IRs on rebuttal evidence (if needed)	Wednesday, August 8
FBC responses to Commission and Intervener IR No. 2 on FBC's Application (if needed)	Friday, August 10
FBC response to IRs on rebuttal evidence (if needed)	Monday, August 13
Oral hearing (if needed)	Week of August 20
Final and reply arguments	To be determined

FBC submits that the above revised timetable, while compressed, addresses both the KSCA Request and Commissioner availability to conduct an oral hearing in August, if required, while still allowing for an opportunity to achieve the January 1, 2019 implementation date sought by FBC.

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