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September 16, 2010

FORTISBC – 2010 ANNUAL REVIEW 2011 REVENUE REQUIREMENTS

EXHIBIT A-1

Mr. Dennis Swanson
Director, Regulatory Affairs
FortisBC Inc.
Suite 100 – 195 Springfield Road
Kelowna, BC V1Y 7V7

Dear Mr. Swanson:

Re: FortisBC Inc.
2010 Annual Review, 2011 Revenue Requirements
and Negotiated Settlement Process

Further to your September 9, 2010 proposed regulatory timetable for the above-noted filings, please find enclosed Commission Order G-142-10.

Yours truly,

Jos: Erica M. Hamilton

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**Enclosure** 

cc: Registered Interveners 2009 Annual Review and 2010 NSP

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# IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

## FortisBC Inc. 2010 Annual Review, 2011 Revenue Requirements and Negotiated Settlement Process

**BEFORE:** 

D.A. Cote, Commissioner

September 16, 2010

A.A. Rhodes, Commissioner

#### ORDER

#### WHEREAS:

- A. British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) Order G-58-06 approved for FortisBC Inc. (FortisBC or Company) a Settlement Agreement for its 2006 Revenue Requirements (the 2006 Settlement Agreement) and a Performance Based Regulation Settlement for the years 2007, 2008 and potentially 2009 (the PBR Settlement). The PBR Settlement requires FortisBC to hold an Annual Review, Workshop and Negotiated Settlement Process (NSP) each November with a goal of achieving firm rates by December 1<sup>st</sup> for the following year;
- B. The Annual Review compares the Company's actual performance for the recently completed year to the approved targets for the Performance Standards to determine whether the Company is entitled to an incentive payment. The Revenue Requirements Workshop is to focus on future test periods and the NSP is conducted to establish rates for the following year;
- C. Pursuant to Commission Order G-193-08, the terms of the PBR Settlement was extended to 2011 along with the approval of the 2009 Revenue Requirement and Negotiated Settlement Agreement;
- D. On September 9, 2010, FortisBC issued a letter to the Commission with a proposed regulatory timetable for the 2010 Annual Review and 2011 Revenue Requirements;
- E. The Commission has reviewed FortisBC's proposed timetable and considers that an approval is warranted.

#### NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves the FortisBC timetable and directs FortisBC to hold a 2010 Annual Review on November 16, 2010 in Kelowna, BC to review its 2010 performance results and to determine the Company's eligibility for an incentive payment. The 2011 Revenue Requirements Workshop and NSP will also be held in Kelowna, BC. The Regulatory Timetable is attached as Appendix A to this Order.

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- 2. FortisBC is to provide the Commission, along with all parties who participated in the previous PBR Settlements, copies of the Preliminary 2011 Revenue Requirements material no later than Friday, October 1, 2010.
- 3. FortisBC is to provide a copy of this Commission Order and Regulatory Timetable to all parties who participated in other FortisBC regulatory proceedings during the past year no later than Friday, October 1, 2010.
- 4. FortisBC is to provide the Commission and all Registered Interveners advance information regarding all material variances pertaining to cost of service, sales volume and revenue for the historical period to be presented at the Annual Review no later than Monday, November 1, 2010.
- 5. Those persons wishing to participate in FortisBC's 2010 Annual Review, the 2011 Revenue Requirements Workshop and NSP are to advise the Commission Secretary in writing of their intention to do so, no later than Friday, October 8, 2010.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this

16 A

day of September 2010.

BY ORDER

D.A. Cote Commissioner

Attachment

# FORTISBC INC. 2010 Annual Review, 2011 Revenue Requirements and Negotiated Settlement Process

## **REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

ACTION	DATES
FortisBC files Preliminary 2011 Revenue Requirements Material	Friday, October 1, 2010
Registration deadline for Interveners and Interested Parties	Friday, October 8, 2010
Commission and Intervener Information Requests issued to FortisBC Participant Assistance Budget Submissions	Friday, October 15, 2010
Responses to Information Requests by FortisBC	Friday, October 29, 2010
FortisBC files advance materials for the Annual Review	Monday, November 1, 2010
2010 Annual Review and 2011 Revenue Requirements Workshop commencing at 9:00 a.m.	Tuesday, November 16, 2010
Negotiated Settlement Process	Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at a time to be determined following the Workshop

<u>Location of Annual Review and Negotiated Settlement Process</u>

Holiday Inn Express 2429 Highway 97 North Kelowna, BC