

March 3, 2011

British Columbia Utilities Commission 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3

Attention: Ms. Erica M. Hamilton, Commission Secretary

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. – Fort Nelson Service Area

Gas Cost Reconciliation Account ("GCRA") and Gas Cost Recovery Rates

2011 First Quarter Gas Cost Report

The attached materials provide the FortisBC Energy Inc. (formerly Terasen Gas Inc.) 2011 First Quarter Gas Cost Report for the Fort Nelson service area ("Fort Nelson") as required under British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") guidelines.

Consistent with the natural gas price forecast utilized in the FortisBC Energy Inc. ("FEI" or the "Company") 2011 First Quarter Gas Cost Report for the Lower Mainland, Inland, and Columbia service areas, the gas cost forecast used within the attached report is based on the five-day average of the February 15, 16, 17, 18, and 22, 2011 forward prices for natural gas ("five-day average forward prices ending February 22, 2011").

Based on the five-day average forward prices ending February 22, 2011, the March 31, 2011 GCRA deferral balance is projected to be approximately \$72,700 deficit after tax (Tab 1, Page 2, Column 2, Line 28). Further, based on the five-day average forward prices ending February 22, 2011, the gas purchase cost assumptions, and the forecast gas cost recoveries at present rates for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2012, and accounting for the projected March 31, 2011 deferral balance, the GCRA ratio is calculated to be 104.0% (Tab 1, Page 1, Column 3, Line 10). The ratio falls within the deadband range of 95% to 105%, indicating that a rate change is not required at this time.

A summary of the forward prices is provided on Tab 1, Page 4, and a summary of the recorded and forecast monthly GCRA balances is provided on Tab 1, Page 5.

Provided in Tab 2 are the details of the forecast gas costs for Fort Nelson. The Company requests the information contained in Tab 2 be treated as CONFIDENTIAL.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Consistent with past practice and previous discussions and positions on the confidentiality of selected filings (and further emphasized in the Company's January 31, 1994 submission to the Commission) FEI is requesting that this information be filed on a confidential basis pursuant to Section 71(5) of the *Utilities Commission Act* and requests that the Commission exercise its discretion under Section 6.0 of the Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply

Diane Roy Director, Regulatory Affairs Gas FortisBC Energy Inc.

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Contracts and allow these documents to remain confidential. FEI believes this will ensure that market sensitive information is protected, and FEI's ability to obtain favourable commercial terms for future gas contracting is not impaired.

In this regard, FEI further believes that the Core Market could be disadvantaged and may well shoulder incremental costs if utility gas supply procurement strategies as well as contracts are treated in a different manner than those of other gas purchasers, and believes that since it continues to operate within a competitive environment, there is no necessity for public disclosure and risk prejudice or influence in the negotiations or renegotiation of subsequent contracts.

FEI will continue to monitor the forward prices and will report these results in its 2011 Second Quarter Gas Cost Report for Fort Nelson.

We trust the Commission will find the attached to be in order. However, should any further information be required, please contact Brian Noel at 604-592-7467.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours very truly,

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

Original signed:

Diane Roy

Attachments

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA GAS COST RECONCILIATION ACCOUNT ("GCRA") RATE CHANGE TRIGGER MECHANISM FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2012

WITH EXISTING JANUARY 1, 2011 GAS COST RECOVERY RATES FIVE-DAY AVERAGE FORWARD PRICES - FEBRUARY 15, 16, 17,18 AND 22, 2011

Line No.	Particulars		Annual (\$000)	Percentage	Volume (TJ)		it Cost \$/GJ)
	(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)		(5)
1	RATE CHANGE TRIGGER MECHANISM						
2	Projected Grossed-up GCRA Balance as at March 31, 2011		\$ 98.9				
3	(Tab 1, Page 2, Col 2, Line 21)		,				
4							
5	Forecast Incurred Gas Costs - April 2011 to March 2012		\$ 2,549.8				
6	(Tab 1, Page 2, Col 14, Line 16)						
7	Forecast Recovered Gas Costs - April 2011 to March 2012		\$ 2,754.1				
8	(Tab 1, Page 2, Col 14, Line 7)						
9							
10	Ratio = Forecast Recovered Gas Costs =	\$ 2,754.1	=	<u>104.0</u> %			
11 12	Forecast Incurred Gas Costs + Projected GCRA Balance	\$ 2,648.7					
13							
14							
15							
16	BALANCING REQUIREMENT						
17	(applicable when Rate Change Trigger Mechanism Ratio falls outside 95% to 105% d	eadband)					
18							
19 20	TESTED RATES						
21	TESTED RATES						
22	Forecast 12 Month Sales Recovery Volumes April 2011 to March 2012				548.3		
23	(Tab 1, Page 2, Col 14, Line 2)						
24						_	
25	Projected GCRA Balance at March 31, 2011 (Line 2)		\$ 98.9			\$	0.1803
26 27	Forecast GCRA Activities - April 2011 to March 2012 (Line 5 minus Line 7) (Over) / Under Recovery at Existing Rates		\$ (105.4			\$	(0.3726)
28	(STOT) / STOOT RECOVERY AT EXISTING PARTIES		ψ (100.4	<u>/</u>			
29							
30	Tested Rates (Decrease) / Increase					\$	(0.1920)

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA RECOVERED AND INCURRED COSTS SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2012 WITH EXISTING JANUARY 1, 2011 GAS COST RECOVERY RATES

FIVE-DAY AVERAGE FORWARD PRICES - FEBRUARY 15, 16, 17,18 AND 22, 2011

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No.	Particulars	Ap	or-11	May-	11	Jun-11	Jı	ul-11	Au	ıg-11	Se	p-11		oct-11	No	v-11	Dec-11		Jan-12	F	eb-12	M	ar-12	T	otal
	(1)	((2)	(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)	(10)		(11)		(12)		(13)	(14)
1 2	RECOVERED GAS COSTS Total Sales - TJ		40.3	,	23.7	12.5		11.9		12.4		20.6		41.0		66.4	85.4		93.3		72.5		68.3		548.3
3	T-Service UAF - TJ		0.0		0.0	0.0		-		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.1	0.1		0.2		0.1		0.1		0.7
<i>J</i>	1-Service OAL - 13		0.0		0.0	0.0		-		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.1	0.1		0.2		0.1		0.1		0.7
5	Recovery on Sales - \$000	\$	201.9	\$ 11	8.8	62.7	\$	59.8	\$	62.3	\$	103.5	\$	205.8	\$	332.7	\$ 428.1	\$	467.9	\$	363.5	\$	342.7	\$	2,749.7
6	Recovery on T-Service UAF - \$000		0.2		0.0	0.0				0.0		0.0		0.3		0.7	1.1		0.9		0.6		0.6		4.3
7	Total Forecast Recovered Gas Costs - \$000	\$	202.0	\$ 11	8.8	62.7	\$	59.8	\$	62.3	\$	103.5	\$	206.0	\$	333.5	\$ 429.2	\$	468.8	\$	364.1	\$	343.2	\$	2,754.1
8																									
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10																									
11	INCURRED GAS COSTS																								
12	Total Purchases Incl. UAF - TJ		40.8	2	24.0	12.7		12.1		12.6		20.9		41.6		67.4	86.7		94.8		73.6		69.4		556.7
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14	Incurred Cost - \$/GJ	3	3.9962	4.0	461	4.1016		4.1351	2	1.1568	4	4.1452		4.1533	4	1.6647	4.7710		4.8288		4.8367		4.8078		
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16	Forecast Incurred Gas Costs - \$000	\$	163.2	\$ 9	7.2	\$ 52.0	\$	50.0	\$	52.4	\$	86.7	\$	172.9	\$	314.3	\$ 413.7	\$	457.7	\$	356.1	\$	333.7	D	2,549.8
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18 19																									
20	GCRA BALANCE																								
20	Opening Balances (Pre-Tax) - \$000 (1*)	\$	98.9	\$ 6	0.0	38.4	œ	27.7	œ	17.9	¢.	8.0	Ф	(8.8)	œ	(41.9)	\$ (61.1)	•	(75.2)	æ	(86.3)	ď	(94.3)		
22	, ,	Ф	(38.8)		21.6)	(10.7)	Φ	(9.8)	Φ	(9.9)	Ф	(16.8)	Ф	(33.1)	Φ	(19.2)	φ (61.1) (15.6)		(11.1)	Ф	(8.0)	Φ	(9.6)	¢	(204.3)
23	Closing Balances (Pre-tax) - \$000	\$	60.0		88.4		\$		\$	8.0	\$	(8.8)	\$	(41.9)	\$	(61.1)			(86.3)	\$	(94.3)	\$	(103.9)	φ	(204.3)
24	Closing Balanoos (Fro tax) 4000	<u> </u>	00.0	<u> </u>	,o. i	<i>γ</i>	Ψ	17.0	Ψ	0.0	Ψ	(0.0)	Ψ	(11.0)	Ψ	(01.1)	ψ (10.1)	Ψ	(00.0)	Ψ	(0 1.0)	Ψ	(100.0)		
25																									
26	Tax Rate	2	26.50%	26	50%	26.50%		26.50%	2	26.50%		26.50%		26.50%	2	26.50%	26.50%		25.00%		25.00%		25.00%		
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28	Opening Balances (After-Tax) - \$000	\$	72.7	\$ 4	4.1	28.2	\$	20.4	\$	13.2	\$	5.8	\$	(6.5)	\$	(30.8)	\$ (44.9)	\$	(56.4)	\$	(64.7)	\$	(70.7)		
29	Closing Balances (After Tax) - \$000	\$			8.2			13.2		5.8		(6.5)		(30.8)		(44.9)			(64.7)		(70.7)		(77.9)		
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Slight differences in totals due to rounding.

Note (1*) Pre-tax opening balances are restated based on current income taxes, to reflect grossed-up after tax amounts.

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FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA RECOVERED AND INCURRED COSTS SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2012 TO MARCH 31, 2013 WITH EXISTING JANUARY 1, 2011 GAS COST RECOVERY RATES

FIVE-DAY AVERAGE FORWARD PRICES - FEBRUARY 15, 16, 17,18 AND 22, 2011

13-24 month Line Forecast No. **Particulars** Apr-12 May-12 Jun-12 Jul-12 Aug-12 Sep-12 Oct-12 Nov-12 Dec-12 Jan-13 Feb-13 Mar-13 Total (1) (15)(16)(17)(18)(19)(20)(21)(22)(23)(24)(25)(26)(27)**RECOVERED GAS COSTS** Total Sales - TJ 20.6 66.2 547.4 40.2 23.7 12.5 11.9 12.4 41.0 85.2 93.1 72.3 68.3 T-Service UAF - TJ 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 0.1 0.2 0.1 0.1 0.7 Recovery on Sales - \$000 201.8 \$ 118.7 \$ 62.7 \$ 59.9 \$ 62.2 \$ 103.3 \$ 205.5 \$ 332.1 \$ 427.1 \$ 467.1 \$ 362.8 \$ 342.3 \$ 2,745.4 0.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.2 0.5 0.7 0.9 0.6 0.6 3.5 Recovery on T-Service UAF - \$000 Total Forecast Recovered Gas Costs - \$000 201.9 118.7 62.7 59.9 62.2 103.3 \$ 205.6 332.6 \$ 427.8 468.0 363.4 342.9 2,748.9 8 9 10 11 **INCURRED GAS COSTS** Total Purchases Incl. UAF - TJ 40.8 24.0 12.7 12.1 12.6 20.9 41.6 67.2 86.5 94.6 73.5 69.3 555.8 12 13 14 Incurred Cost - \$/GJ 3.8133 3.8454 3.8915 3.9219 3.9403 3.9271 3.9475 4.8707 4.9673 5.0269 5.0280 4.9866 15 16 Forecast Incurred Gas Costs - \$000 429.6 \$ 475.6 \$ 155.7 92.3 \$ 49.4 47.5 49.5 82.0 \$ 164.1 \$ 327.5 369.4 \$ 345.7 \$ 2,588.4 17 18 19 20 **GCRA BALANCE** Opening Balances (Pre-Tax) - \$000 (1*) \$ (103.9) \$ (150.1) \$ (176.5) \$ (189.9) \$ (202.3) \$ (214.9) \$ (236.2) \$ (277.7) \$ (282.7) \$ (280.9) \$ (273.2) \$ (267.2) Forecast Activity - \$000 (46.2)(26.4)(13.4)(12.4)(12.6)(21.3)(41.5)(5.1)7.7 6.0 2.8 \$ (160.5)Closing Balances (Pre-tax) - \$000 (150.1) \$ (176.5) \$ (189.9) \$ (202.3) \$ (214.9) \$ (236.2) \$ (277.7) \$ (282.7) \$ (280.9) \$ (273.2) \$ (267.2) \$ (264.4) 24 25 26 Tax Rate 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 27 28 Opening Balances (After-Tax) - \$000 (132.4) \$ (142.4) \$ (151.7) \$ (161.2) \$ (177.1) \$ (208.3) \$ (212.1) \$ 29 Closing Balances (After Tax) - \$000 (112.6) \$ (132.4) \$ (142.4) \$ (151.7) \$ (161.2) \$ (177.1) \$ (208.3) \$ (212.1) \$ (210.7) \$

Slight differences in totals due to rounding.

Note (1*) Pre-tax opening balances are restated baseixes, to reflect grossed-up after tax amounts

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA STATION NO. 2 INDEX FORECAST FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2013

Five-day Average Forward

Five-day Average Forward

Line		Prices - February 15, and 22, 201	16, 17,18	Prices - Novem & 23,	•				
No	Particulars	2011 Q1 Gas Cost	Report	2010 Q4 Gas	s Cost	Report	Change in Forward Prices		
	(1)	(2)			(3)		(4) = (2	2) - (3)	
1	Station No. 2 Index Prices - \$CDN/GJ								
2	2010 July	\$	3.39		\$	3.39		\$	-
3	August	\$	2.98	Α	\$	2.98		\$	-
4	September	\$	3.12	Ш	\$	3.12		\$	-
5	October	\$	2.89	Recorded	\$	2.89		\$	-
6	November	\$	3.25	Projected	\$	3.12		\$	0.12
7	December	\$	3.41	Forecast	\$	3.45		\$	(0.05)
8	Simple Average (Jul, 2010 - Jun, 2011)	<u> </u>	3.10		\$	3.34	-7.2%	\$	(0.24)
9	Simple Average (Oct, 2010 - Sep, 2011)	\$	3.07	∜	\$	3.44	-10.7%	\$	(0.37)
10	2011 January	Recorded \$	3.45	*	\$	3.63		\$	(0.18)
11	February	Projected \$	3.12		\$	3.63		\$	(0.51)
12	March	Forecast \$	2.87		\$	3.60		\$	(0.73)
13	April	\$	2.85		\$	3.38		\$	(0.53)
14	May	∜ \$	2.91		\$	3.42		\$	(0.51)
15	June	٧ \$	2.97		\$	3.47		\$	(0.50)
16	July	\$	3.02		\$	3.53		\$	(0.51)
17	August	\$	3.06		\$	3.57		\$	(0.51)
18	September	\$	3.07		\$	3.58		\$	(0.51)
19	October	\$ \$	3.11		\$	3.66		\$ \$	(0.54)
20 21	November December	\$ \$	3.35 3.58		\$ \$	4.02 4.31		ф Ф	(0.67) (0.73)
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22	Simple Average (Jan, 2011 - Dec, 2011)	\$	3.11		\$	3.65	-14.7%		(0.54)
23	Simple Average (Apr, 2011 - Mar, 2012)	\$	3.25		\$	3.85	-15.7%	\$	(0.60)
24	Simple Average (Jul, 2011 - Jun, 2012)	\$	3.39		\$	3.99	-15.0%	\$	(0.60)
25	Simple Average (Oct, 2011 - Sep, 2012)	\$	3.52		\$	4.12	-14.5%	\$	(0.60)
26	2012 January	\$	3.70		\$	4.48		\$	(0.79)
27	February	\$	3.71		\$	4.45		\$	(0.74)
28	March	\$	3.65		\$	4.35		\$	(0.70)
29	April	\$	3.46		\$	3.96		\$	(0.51)
30	May	\$	3.49		\$	3.97		\$	(0.49)
31	June	\$	3.52		\$	4.01		\$	(0.49)
32	July	\$	3.55		\$	4.05		\$	(0.50)
33	August	\$	3.58		\$	4.09		\$	(0.50)
34	September	\$	3.59		\$	4.10		\$	(0.51)
35 36	October November	\$ \$	3.64 3.88		\$ \$	4.18		\$ \$	(0.54)
37	December	\$ \$	3.88 4.09		э \$	4.54 4.77		\$ \$	(0.66) (0.69)
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38	Simple Average (Jan, 2012 - Dec, 2012)	\$	3.65		\$	4.25	-13.9%	\$	(0.59)
39	Simple Average (Apr, 2012 - Mar, 2013)	\$	3.78						
40	2013 January	\$	4.21						
41	February	\$	4.21						
42	March	\$	4.12						

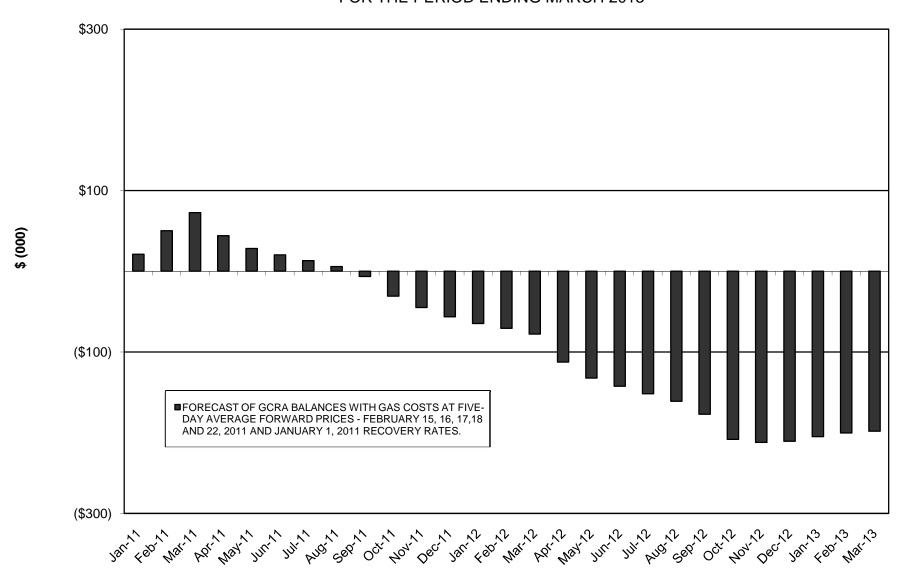
FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA GCRA AFTER TAX BALANCES (\$000) FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2013 WITH EXISTING JANUARY 1, 2011 GAS COST RECOVERY RATES

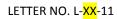
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Line No.	F	Particulars	2011 Q1 Gas C Jan 1, 2011 Exis Five-day Average Fo February 15, 16, 1	sting Ra	isting Forw	Cost Report sting Rates Forward Prices 3,19, 22 & 23,				
		(1)	(2)			(3)				
No. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	2010 2011 2012	Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Jul Jul	Recorded Adjusted Adjusted Adjusted Recorded Recorded Adjusted Projected	7, \$	54.8 (15.7) (80.9) (67.0) (11.1) (31.0) (52.4) (57.6) (44.9) 21.2 50.2 72.7 44.1 28.2 20.4 13.2 5.8 (6.5) (30.8) (44.9) (56.4) (64.7) (70.7) (77.9) (112.6) (132.4) (142.4) (151.7)	Recorded Adjusted Adjusted Adjusted Projected	**************************	54.8 (15.7) (80.9) (67.0) (11.1) (31.0) (52.4) (64.6) (66.4) (11.4) 28.5 66.0 48.0 38.7 33.2 30.0 25.7 17.5 4.2 (1.4) (0.0) 7.5 12.4 14.4 (8.0) (20.0) (27.2) (31.7)		
29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36	2013	Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar		\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	(161.2) (177.1) (208.3) (212.1) (210.7) (204.9) (200.4) (198.3)		\$ \$ \$ \$	(37.5) (48.6) (66.4) (60.8) (46.8)		

Note (A) includes volume reconciliation adjustment for prior months

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA GCRA AFTER TAX BALANCES BY MONTH FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 2013







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DRAFT ORDER

VIA E-MAIL March XX, 2011

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Dear Ms. Roy:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. Fort Nelson Service Area 2011 First Quarter Gas Cost Report

Further to your March 3, 2011 filing of the 2011 First Quarter Gas Cost Report (the Report) for the Fort Nelson Service Area. The Commission acknowledges receipt of the Report and accepts the recommendation that customer rates remain unchanged for the Fort Nelson Service Area, as of April 1, 2011.

Yours truly,

Erica M. Hamilton Commission Secretary