

June 2, 2011

British Columbia Utilities Commission 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 900 Howe Street Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Attention: Ms. Alanna Gillis, Acting Commission Secretary

Dear Ms. Gillis:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. – Fort Nelson Service Area

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

2011 second Quarter Gas Cost Report

The attached materials provide the FortisBC Energy Inc. 2011 Second 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 Second 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 May 18, 19, 20, 23, and 24, 2011 forward prices for natural gas ("five-day average forward prices ending May 24, 2011").

Based on the five-day average forward prices ending May 24, 2011, the June 30, 2011 GCRA deferral balance is projected to be approximately \$29,900 deficit after tax (Tab 1, Page 2, Column 2, Line 28). Further, based on the five-day average forward prices ending May 24, 2011, the gas purchase cost assumptions, and the forecast gas cost recoveries at present rates for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2012, and accounting for the projected June 30, 2011 deferral balance, the GCRA ratio is calculated to be 107.0% (Tab 1, Page 1, Column 3, Line 10). The tested rate decrease related to the forecast over recovery of gas costs during the prospective 12-month period is calculated as a rate decrease in the amount of \$0.329/GJ. Pursuant to Commission Letter No. L-40-11, the Commission has revised the commodity rate change trigger mechanism within the Guidelines issued in Commission Letter L-5-01 to be the ± 5 percent trigger ratio plus a minimum rate change threshold of ± \$0.50/GJ. Therefore, based on the revised Guidelines, 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.

**Diane Roy**Director, Regulatory Affairs - Gas **FortisBC Energy Inc.** 

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#### 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 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.

In summary, the Company hereby requests Commission approval for Fort Nelson gas cost rates to remain unchanged at July 1, 2011.

The Company will continue to monitor the forward prices and will report these results in its 2011 Third 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 by:

Diane Roy

Attachments

## FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA GAS COST RECONCILIATION ACCOUNT ("GCRA") RATE CHANGE TRIGGER MECHANISM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012

### WITH EXISTING JANUARY 1, 2011 GAS COST RECOVERY RATES FIVE-DAY AVERAGE FORWARD PRICES - MAY 18, 19, 20, 23 AND 24, 2011

Line No.	Particulars	<b>Annual</b> (\$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 June 30, 2011	\$ 40.7				
3	( Tab 1, Page 2, Col 2, Line 21)					
4						
5	Forecast Incurred Gas Costs - July 2011 to June 2012	\$ 2,652.7				
6	( Tab 1, Page 2, Col 14, Line 16)					
7	Forecast Recovered Gas Costs - July 2011 to June 2012	\$ 2,882.2				
8	( Tab 1, Page 2, Col 14, Line 7)					
9	Foregoot Recovered Cos Costs					
10	Ratio = Forecast Recovered Gas Costs = \$2,882.2	=	<u>107.0</u> %			
11	Forecast Incurred Gas Costs + Projected GCRA Balance \$ 2,693.5					
12						
13						
14 15						
16	BALANCING REQUIREMENT					
17	(applicable when Rate Change Trigger Mechanism Ratio falls outside 95% to 105% deadband ar	nd outside + 9	\$0.50/GJ thresh	old)		
18	(applicable interior charige integral modification ratio ratio date as 50% to 100% academia ar		, o.	0.0)		
19						
20	TESTED RATES					
21						
22	Forecast 12 Month Sales Recovery Volumes July 2011 to June 2012			574.0		
23	( Tab 1, Page 2, Col 14, Line 2)					
24						
25	Projected GCRA Balance at June 30, 2011 (Line 2)	\$ 40.7			\$	0.0710
26	Forecast GCRA Activities - July 2011 to June 2012 (Line 5 minus Line 7)	(229.5)	(4*)		\$	(0.3998)
27	(Over) / Under Recovery at Existing Rates	\$ (188.7)	(1)			
28						
29	T ( ID ( /D ) ) //				Φ.	(0.0000)
30	Tested Rates (Decrease) / Increase			:	\$	(0.3290)

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# FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA RECOVERED AND INCURRED COSTS SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012 WITH EXISTING JANUARY 1, 2011 GAS COST RECOVERY RATES FIVE-DAY AVERAGE FORWARD PRICES - MAY 18, 19, 20, 23 AND 24, 2011

1-12 month Line **Forecast** No. **Particulars** Jul-11 Aug-11 Sep-11 Oct-11 Nov-11 Dec-11 Jan-12 Feb-12 Mar-12 Apr-12 May-12 Jun-12 Total (13)(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10)(11)(12)(14)**RECOVERED GAS COSTS** Total Sales - TJ 13.7 14.5 24.2 41.1 65.7 82.8 96.8 73.1 72.2 44.9 26.0 19.0 574.0 T-Service UAF - TJ 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.2 0.1 0.1 0.0 0.0 0.8 Recovery on Sales - \$000 68.7 \$ 72.5 \$ 121.2 \$ 206.2 \$ 329.7 \$ 415.5 \$ 485.4 \$ 366.5 \$ 362.1 \$ 225.4 \$ 130.3 \$ 95.3 \$ 2.878.6 5 0.0 0.0 0.2 0.9 0.7 0.7 0.5 0.4 0.0 Recovery on T-Service UAF - \$000 0.1 3.6 Total Forecast Recovered Gas Costs - \$000 68.7 72.5 121.2 206.2 329.9 416.4 486.1 367.2 362.6 225.7 130.4 95.3 2,882.2 8 9 10 **INCURRED GAS COSTS** 11 12 Total Purchases Incl. UAF - TJ 13.9 14.7 24.5 41.7 66.7 84.1 98.3 74.3 45.7 26.4 19.3 582.8 73.3 13 14 Incurred Cost - \$/GJ 3.9123 3.9109 3.9049 3.9330 4.7749 4.8625 4.9094 4.9077 4.8844 3.7771 3.8391 3.8771 4.5516 15 16 Forecast Incurred Gas Costs - \$000 54.3 57.3 \$ 95.7 \$ 164.0 318.4 409.0 482.8 364.6 358.2 172.5 2,652.7 17 18 19 20 **GCRA BALANCE** Opening Balances (Pre-Tax) - \$000 (1\*) \$ 40.7 \$ (14.3) \$ (56.5) \$ (68.0) \$ (73.9) \$ (77.2) \$ (79.9) \$ (84.2) \$ (137.5) \$ (166.6) 26.4 \$ 11.2 \$ 22 Forecast Activity - \$000 (14.4)(15.2)(25.5)(42.2)(11.5)(3.4)(2.6)(53.3)(29.2)(20.6) \$ (229.5)(7.4)(4.4)23 Closing Balances (Pre-tax) - \$000 26.4 11.2 (14.3)(56.5) \$ (68.0)(75.4)(77.2)(79.9)(84.2) (137.5)(166.6) (187.2)24 25 26 Tax Rate 26.50% 26.50% 26.50% 26.50% 26.50% 26.50% 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 25.00% 27 28 Opening Balances (After-Tax) - \$000 29.9 19.4 (10.5) \$ (50.0) \$ (55.4) \$ (57.9) \$ (59.9) \$ (63.2) \$ (103.1) \$ (125.0)8.2 (41.6) \$ 29 Closing Balances (After Tax) - \$000 19.4 (10.5)\$ (41.6) \$ (50.0) \$ (55.4) \$ (57.9) \$ (59.9)(103.1)

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 JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013 WITH EXISTING JANUARY 1, 2011 GAS COST RECOVERY RATES

FIVE-DAY AVERAGE FORWARD PRICES - MAY 18, 19, 20, 23 AND 24, 2011

13-24 r								24 month													
Line No.	Particulars	Jul-1	2	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oc	ct-12	Nov-12	Dec	:-12	Jan-13	Feb	-13	Mar-13	Ap	pr-13	May-13		Jun-13		orecast Total
	(1)	(15)		(16)	(17)	(	(18)	(19)	(20	0)	(21)	(2	2)	(23)	(	(24)	(25)		(26)		(27)
1 2 3	RECOVERED GAS COSTS Total Sales - TJ T-Service UAF - TJ		3.8 0.0	14.7 0.0	24.6		41.7	66.8 0.0		84.1 0.1	98.3 0.2		74.2 0.2	73.4 0.1		45.6 0.1	26. 0.		19.3 0.0		<b>582.8</b> 0.8
6 7	Recovery on Sales - \$000 Recovery on T-Service UAF - \$000 Total Forecast Recovered Gas Costs - \$000		9.4 0.0 9.4	0.0	\$ 123.2 - \$ 123.2			\$ 334.8 0.1 \$ 334.9		0.4	\$ 493.2 0.7 \$ 493.9		372.1 S 0.7 372.8 S	0.5	\$	228.8 0.4 229.1	\$ 132. 0. \$ 132.		96.7 0.0 96.7	\$ <b>\$</b>	2,922.5 3.0 <b>2,925.5</b>
12	INCURRED GAS COSTS Total Purchases Incl. UAF - TJ	1	4.0	14.9	24.9		42.3	67.7		85.4	99.9		75.4	74.5		46.4	26.	7	19.6		591.7
15 16	Incurred Cost - \$/GJ Forecast Incurred Gas Costs - \$000		238 55.0	3.9414 \$ 58.6	3.9259 \$ 97.8		3.9477 167.0	5.3378 \$ 361.5		3965 460.8	5.4356 \$ 543.1		4223 409.0	5.4023 \$ 402.5	\$	3.8871 180.2	3.962 \$ 105.		4.0082 78.4	<u>\$</u>	2,919.7
	GCRA BALANCE Opening Balances (Pre-Tax) - \$000 (1*)	\$ (18	37.2) <b>§</b>	\$ (201.6)	\$ (216.5)	• •	(241.9)	\$ (284.1)	¢ (5	257.5)	\$ (218.9)	¢ (1	169.8) \$	§ (133.6)	¢	(99.5)	\$ (148.	4) ¢	(174.7)		
22	Forecast Activity - \$000 Closing Balances (Pre-tax) - \$000	(1	4.3)	(14.9)	(25.4)		(42.2)	26.6 \$ (257.5)	·	38.6 218.9)	49.1	•	36.1  33.6) S	34.2		(49.0) (148.4)	(26.	3)	(174.7) (18.3) (193.0)	\$	(5.8)
27 28	Tax Rate  Opening Balances (After-Tax) - \$000  Closing Balances (After Tax) - \$000	\$ (14	00% (0.4) § (1.2) §	,	, ,	\$	25.00% (181.4) (213.1)	, ,	\$ (1	5.00% 193.1) 164.2)	25.00% \$ (164.2) \$ (127.3)	\$ (1	5.00% 127.3) \$ 100.2) \$	, ,	\$	25.00% (74.6) (111.3)		3) \$	25.00% (131.0) (144.8)	- :	

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.

#### FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA STATION NO. 2 INDEX FORECAST FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2013

Five-day Average Forward

Five-day Average Forward

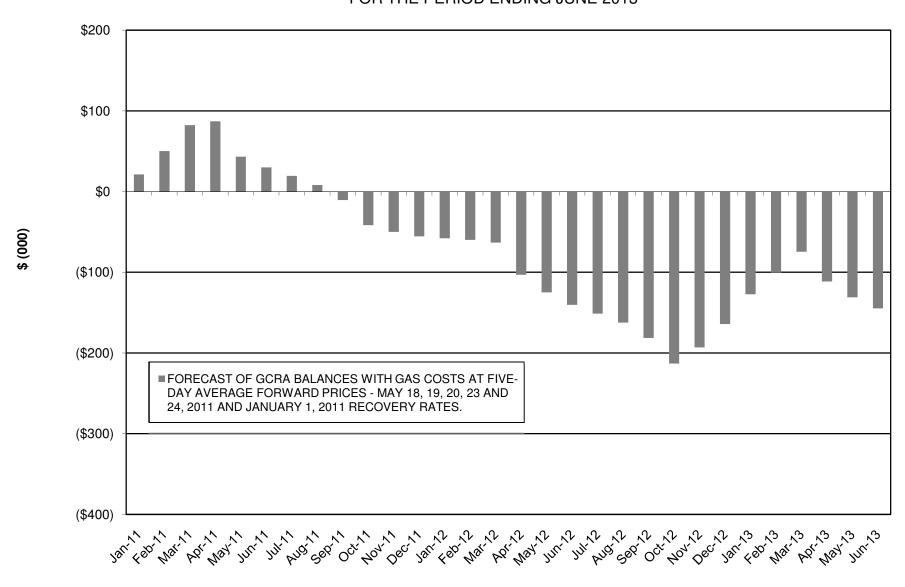
Line		Prices - May 18, 19, 20 24, 2011	Prices - February and 22, 2	15, 16, 17,18				
No	Particulars	2011 Q2 Gas Cost	Report	2011 Q1 Gas C	ost Report	Change in Fo	rward	Prices
	(1)	(2)		(3)		(4) = (2)	2) - (3)	
1	Station No. 2 Index Prices - \$CDN/GJ							
2	2010 October	\$	2.89	\$			\$	-
3	November	\$	3.25	\$	3.25		\$	-
4	December	<u>\$</u>	3.41	<u>\$</u>	3.41		\$	
5	Simple Average (Oct, 2010 - Sep, 2011)	<u>\$</u>	3.27	<u>\$</u>	3.07	6.4%	\$	0.20
6	<b>2011</b> January	\$	3.45	Recorded \$	3.45		\$	-
7	February	\$	3.11	Projected \$	3.12		\$	(0.01)
8	March	\$	3.19	Forecast \$	2.87		\$	0.32
9	April	Recorded \$	3.16	\$	2.85 2.91		<b>\$</b>	0.31
10 11	May June	Projected \$ Forecast \$	3.37 3.42	\$	2.97		Φ	0.46 0.45
12	July	roiecasi \$	3.32	\$	3.02		Ψ \$	0.43
13	August	\$	3.32	\$	3.06		\$	0.26
14	September	<b>∀</b> š	3.34	\$	3.07		\$	0.27
15	October	\$	3.41	\$	3.11		\$	0.29
16	November	\$	3.53	\$	3.35		\$	0.18
17	December	<u>\$</u>	3.73	<u>\$</u>	3.58		\$	0.15
18	Simple Average (Jan, 2011 - Dec, 2011)	\$	3.36	<u>\$</u>	3.11	8.0%	\$	0.25
19	Simple Average (Apr, 2011 - Mar, 2012)	\$	3.50	\$	3.25	7.9%	\$	0.26
20	Simple Average (Jul, 2011 - Jun, 2012)	\$	3.59	\$	3.39	5.8%	\$	0.20
21	Simple Average (Oct, 2011 - Sep, 2012)	\$	3.70	\$	_	4.9%	\$	0.17
22	<b>2012</b> January	<u>,</u> \$	3.84	<u>*</u> \$	3.70		\$	0.14
23	February	\$	3.83	\$	3.71		\$	0.12
24	March	\$	3.78	\$	3.65		\$	0.13
25	April	\$	3.60	\$	3.46		\$	0.14
26	May	\$	3.66	\$	3.49		\$	0.18
27	June	\$	3.70	\$	3.52		\$	0.18
28	July	\$	3.74	\$	3.55		\$	0.19
29	August	\$	3.77	\$	3.58		\$	0.19
30	September	\$	3.78	\$	3.59		\$	0.19
31 32	October November	Ф Ф	3.83 3.99	\$ \$	3.64 3.88		ф Ф	0.19 0.11
33	December	\$ \$	4.20	φ \$	4.09		φ ¢	0.11
34	Simple Average (Jan, 2012 - Dec, 2012)	\$	3.81	<u>Ψ</u> \$		4.3%	φ	0.16
	,		_					
35	Simple Average (Apr. 2012 - Mar. 2013)	\$	3.92	<u>\$</u>	3.78	3.9%	Φ	0.15
36	Simple Average (Jul, 2012 - Jun, 2013)	\$	4.01					
37	2013 January	\$	4.32	\$			\$	0.11
38	February	\$	4.28	\$			\$	0.07
39 40	March	<b>\$</b>	4.22	\$	4.12		\$	0.09
40 41	April May	\$ \$	3.96 4.02					
42	June	\$ \$	4.02					
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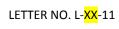
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## FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA GCRA AFTER TAX BALANCES (\$000) FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2013 WITH EXISTING JANUARY 1, 2011 GAS COST RECOVERY RATES

			2011 Q2 Gas		-	2011 Q1 Gas		•				
			Jan 1, 2011 Ex	•	Jan 1, 2011 E		•					
Line			Five-day Average		Five-day Average							
No.	F	Particulars	May 18, 19, 20, 2	3 an	d 24, 2011	February 15, 16, 17,18 and 22, 2011						
		(1)	(2)	)		(3)						
1	2010	Nov	Recorded	\$	(57.6)	Recorded	\$	(57.6)				
2		Dec	Recorded	\$	(44.9)	Recorded	\$	(44.9)				
3	2011	Jan	Adjusted	\$	21.2 <sup>(A)</sup>	Adjusted	\$	21.2 <sup>(A)</sup>				
4		Feb	Adjusted	\$	50.3 <sup>(A)</sup>	Projected	\$	50.2				
5		Mar	Adjusted	\$	82.3 <sup>(A)</sup>	1	\$	72.7				
6		Apr	Recorded	\$	87.0	- 1		44.1				
7		May	Projected	\$	43.3	•	\$	28.2				
8		Jun	i	\$	29.9	•	\$	20.4				
9		Jul		\$	19.4		\$	13.2				
10		Aug		\$	8.2		\$	5.8				
11		Sep	•	\$	(10.5)		\$	(6.5)				
12		Oct		\$	(41.6)		\$	(30.8)				
13		Nov		\$	(50.0)		\$	(44.9)				
14		Dec		\$	(55.4)		\$	(56.4)				
15	2012	Jan		\$	(57.9)		\$	(64.7)				
16		Feb		\$	(59.9)		\$	(70.7)				
17		Mar		\$	(63.2)		\$	(77.9)				
18		Apr		\$	(103.1)		\$	(112.6)				
19		May		\$	(125.0)		\$	(132.4)				
20		Jun		\$	(140.4)		\$	(142.4)				
21		Jul		\$	(151.2)		\$	(151.7)				
22		Aug		\$	(162.4)		\$	(161.2)				
23		Sep		\$	(181.4)		\$	(177.1)				
24		Oct		\$	(213.1)		\$	(208.3)				
25		Nov		\$	(193.1)		\$	(212.1)				
26		Dec		\$	(164.2)		\$	(210.7)				
27	2013	Jan		\$	(127.3)		\$	(204.9)				
28		Feb		****	(100.2)		$\circ$	(200.4)				
29		Mar		\$	(74.6)		\$	(198.3)				
30		Apr		\$	(111.3)							
31		May		\$	(131.0)							
32		Jun		\$	(144.8)							

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







ALANNA GILLIS ACTING COMMISSION SECRETARY Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com web site: http://www.bcuc.com SIXTH FLOOR, 900 HOWE STREET, BOX 250 VANCOUVER, B.C. CANADA V6Z 2N3 TELEPHONE: (604) 660-4700 BC TOLL FREE: 1-800-663-1385 FACSIMILE: (604) 660-1102

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#### **DRAFT ORDER**

VIA E-MAIL

June <mark>XX</mark>, 2011

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Ms. Diane Roy Director, Regulatory Affairs – Gas FortisBC Energy Inc. 16705 Fraser Highway Surrey, BC V4N 0E8

Dear Ms. Roy:

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

Further to your June 2, 2011 filing of the 2011 Second 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 July 1, 2011.

Yours truly,

Alanna Gillis
Acting Commission Secretary