

November 23, 2012

British Columbia Utilities Commission  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 900 Howe Street  
Vancouver, BC  
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Attention: Ms. Erica M. Hamilton, Commission Secretary

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

**Re: Generic Cost of Capital Proceeding**  
**British Columbia Utility Commission (the “Commission”) Request for**  
**Submissions on Interim Rates Effective January 1, 2013 (Exhibit A-27)**  
**FortisBC Utilities<sup>1</sup> (the “FBCU”) Submission**

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The FBCU write in response to Exhibit A-27, the Commission’s request for submissions on interim rates effective January 1, 2013.

The Commission’s proposal with respect to making current rates interim effective January 1, 2013 for FortisBC Energy Inc., or FEI (in relation to possible changes to the benchmark ROE and capital structure), and other BC utilities benchmarked to FEI (in relation to the benchmark ROE only), is a legally appropriate and practical means of addressing the fact that the regulatory timetable in Phase 1 of this proceeding is extending into the new year. The Commission used a similar approach of making FEI’s existing rates interim in the context of the 2009 *Terasen Gas Inc./Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc./Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc. ROE and Capital Structure Application* (Order No. G-78-09).

Note that for FEI and FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc., only the delivery component of the natural gas rate would be made interim.

Yours truly,

**on behalf of the FORTISBC UTILITIES**

***Original signed:***

Diane Roy

cc (email only): Registered Parties

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<sup>1</sup> comprised of FortisBC Inc., FortisBC Energy Inc., FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc., and FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc.