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Via Email
Original via Mail

British Columbia Utilities Commission
6th Floor, 900 Howe Street
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Attention: Ms. Erica M. Hamilton, Commission Secretary

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

**Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI or the Company) – Fort Nelson Service Area
Gas Cost Reconciliation Account (GCRA), Gas Cost Recovery Rates
2013 Third Quarter Gas Cost Report**

The attached materials provide the FEI 2013 Third Quarter Gas Cost Report for the Fort Nelson Service Area (Fort Nelson) as required under British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) guidelines.

Based on the five-day average of the August 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2013 forward prices for natural gas (five-day average forward prices ending August 23, 2013), the September 30, 2013 GCRA deferral balance is projected to be approximately \$148.0 thousand surplus after tax (Tab 1, Page 2, Column 2, Line 28). Further, based on the five-day average forward prices ending August 23, 2013, the gas purchase cost assumptions, and the forecast gas cost recoveries at present rates for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2014, and accounting for the projected September 30, 2013 deferral balance, the GCRA ratio is calculated to be 115.8% (Tab 1, Page 1, Column 3, Line 10), which falls outside the 95% to 105% deadband. The tested rate change related to the forecast recovery of gas costs and the amortization of the projected September 30, 2013 deferral balance over the prospective 12-month period is calculated as a rate decrease in the amount of \$0.486/GJ (Tab 1 Page 1, Column 5, Line 30), which falls within the \$0.50/GJ rate change threshold and indicates 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 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.

Summary

The Company requests approval for the gas cost recovery rates for Fort Nelson to remain unchanged at October 1, 2013. The Company will continue to monitor the forward prices and will report these results in the 2013 Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report.

We trust the Commission will find the attached to be in order. However, should any further information be required, please contact Doug Richardson at 604-592-7463.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

Original signed by:

Diane Roy

Attachments

**GAS COST RECONCILIATION ACCOUNT (GCRA) RATE CHANGE TRIGGER MECHANISM
FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2014
AT EXISTING GAS COST RECOVERY RATES
FIVE-DAY AVERAGE FORWARD PRICES - AUGUST 19, 20, 21, 22, AND 23, 2013**

Line No.	Particulars	Annual (\$000)	Percentage	Volume (TJ)	Unit Cost (\$/GJ)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	<u>RATE CHANGE TRIGGER MECHANISM</u>				
2	Projected Grossed-up GCRA Balance as at September 30, 2013	\$ (199.4)			
3	(Tab 1, Page 2, Col 2, Line 21)				
4					
5	Forecast Incurred Gas Costs - October 2013 to September 2014	\$ 2,017.8			
6	(Tab 1, Page 2, Col 14, Line 16)				
7	Forecast Recovered Gas Costs - October 2013 to September 2014	\$ 2,106.4			
8	(Tab 1, Page 2, Col 14, Line 7)				
9					
10	Ratio = $\frac{\text{Forecast Recovered Gas Costs}}{\text{Forecast Incurred Gas Costs} + \text{Projected GCRA Balance}}$	\$ 2,106.4	=	115.8%	
11		\$ 1,818.5	=		
12					
13					
14					
15					
16	<u>BALANCING REQUIREMENT</u>				
17	(applicable when Rate Change Trigger Mechanism Ratio falls outside 95% to 105% deadband and outside ± \$0.50/GJ threshold)				
18					
19					
20	TESTED RATES				
21					
22	Forecast 12 Month Sales Recovery Volumes October 2013 to September 2014			592.7	
23	(Tab 1, Page 2, Col 14, Line 2)				
24					
25	Projected GCRA Balance at September 30, 2013 (Line 2)	\$ (199.4)			\$ (0.3364) ^(1*)
26	Forecast GCRA Activities - October 2013 to September 2014 (Line 5 minus Line 7)	(88.6)			\$ (0.1495) ^(1*)
27	(Over) / Under Recovery at Existing Rates	<u>\$ (288.0)</u>			
28					
29					
30	TESTED RATES (DECREASE) / INCREASE				<u>\$ (0.486)</u> ^(1*)

Notes: Slight differences in totals due to rounding.

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

(1*) Gas cost recovery rates in tariff are set at 3 decimal places . Individual rate components are shown to 4 decimal places.

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA
RECOVERED AND INCURRED COSTS SUMMARY
FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2014
AT EXISTING GAS COST RECOVERY RATES
FIVE-DAY AVERAGE FORWARD PRICES - AUGUST 19, 20, 21, 22, AND 23, 2013**

Line No.	Particulars (1)	Oct-13 (2)	Nov-13 (3)	Dec-13 (4)	Jan-14 (5)	Feb-14 (6)	Mar-14 (7)	Apr-14 (8)	May-14 (9)	Jun-14 (10)	Jul-14 (11)	Aug-14 (12)	Sep-14 (13)	1-12 month Forecast Total (14)
1	<u>RECOVERED GAS COSTS</u>													
2	Total Sales - TJ	42.3	67.8	85.4	100.0	75.4	74.5	46.3	26.7	19.6	14.2	15.1	25.5	592.7
3	T-Service UAF - TJ	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.1
4														
5	Recovery on Sales - \$000	\$ 150.4	\$ 241.0	\$ 303.3	\$ 355.2	\$ 267.8	\$ 264.8	\$ 164.5	\$ 94.9	\$ 69.5	\$ 50.4	\$ 53.7	\$ 90.5	\$ 2,106.0
6	Recovery on T-Service UAF - \$000	-	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.4
7	Total Forecast Recovered Gas Costs - \$000	<u>\$ 150.4</u>	<u>\$ 241.0</u>	<u>\$ 303.4</u>	<u>\$ 355.3</u>	<u>\$ 267.9</u>	<u>\$ 264.9</u>	<u>\$ 164.6</u>	<u>\$ 94.9</u>	<u>\$ 69.5</u>	<u>\$ 50.4</u>	<u>\$ 53.7</u>	<u>\$ 90.5</u>	<u>\$ 2,106.4</u>
8														
9														
10														
11	<u>INCURRED GAS COSTS</u>													
12	Total Purchases incl. all UAF - TJ	42.4	68.0	85.6	100.2	75.5	74.7	46.4	26.8	19.6	14.2	15.2	25.5	594.0
13														
14	Incurred Cost - \$/GJ	2.7187	3.4673	3.5862	3.5668	3.5663	3.5372	3.1447	3.1678	3.1990	3.1963	3.1984	3.2011	3.3968
15														
16	Forecast Incurred Gas Costs - \$000	<u>\$ 115.3</u>	<u>\$ 235.7</u>	<u>\$ 306.8</u>	<u>\$ 357.4</u>	<u>\$ 269.4</u>	<u>\$ 264.2</u>	<u>\$ 145.9</u>	<u>\$ 84.8</u>	<u>\$ 62.7</u>	<u>\$ 45.4</u>	<u>\$ 48.5</u>	<u>\$ 81.7</u>	<u>\$ 2,017.8</u>
17														
18														
19														
20	<u>GCRA BALANCE</u>													
21	Opening Balances (Pre-Tax) - \$000 ^(1*)	\$ (199.4)	\$ (234.5)	\$ (239.8)	\$ (237.2)	\$ (235.1)	\$ (233.5)	\$ (234.2)	\$ (252.8)	\$ (262.9)	\$ (269.7)	\$ (274.7)	\$ (280.0)	
22	Forecast Activity - \$000	(35.1)	(5.3)	3.4	2.1	1.5	(0.7)	(18.6)	(10.1)	(6.8)	(5.0)	(5.3)	(8.8)	(88.6)
23	Closing Balances (Pre-tax) - \$000	<u>\$ (234.5)</u>	<u>\$ (239.8)</u>	<u>\$ (236.4)</u>	<u>\$ (235.1)</u>	<u>\$ (233.5)</u>	<u>\$ (234.2)</u>	<u>\$ (252.8)</u>	<u>\$ (262.9)</u>	<u>\$ (269.7)</u>	<u>\$ (274.7)</u>	<u>\$ (280.0)</u>	<u>\$ (288.8)</u>	
24														
25														
26	Tax Rate	25.75%	25.75%	25.75%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	
27														
28	Opening Balances (After-Tax) - \$000	\$ (148.0)	\$ (174.1)	\$ (178.1)	\$ (175.5)	\$ (174.0)	\$ (172.8)	\$ (173.3)	\$ (187.1)	\$ (194.6)	\$ (199.6)	\$ (203.3)	\$ (207.2)	
29	Closing Balances (After Tax) - \$000	<u>\$ (174.1)</u>	<u>\$ (178.1)</u>	<u>\$ (175.5)</u>	<u>\$ (174.0)</u>	<u>\$ (172.8)</u>	<u>\$ (173.3)</u>	<u>\$ (187.1)</u>	<u>\$ (194.6)</u>	<u>\$ (199.6)</u>	<u>\$ (203.3)</u>	<u>\$ (207.2)</u>	<u>\$ (213.7)</u>	

Notes: Slight differences in totals due to rounding.

(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
RECOVERED AND INCURRED COSTS SUMMARY
FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
AT EXISTING GAS COST RECOVERY RATES
FIVE-DAY AVERAGE FORWARD PRICES - AUGUST 19, 20, 21, 22, AND 23, 2013**

Line No.	Particulars	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	13-24 month Forecast Total
	(1)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)
1	<u>RECOVERED GAS COSTS</u>													
2	Total Sales - TJ	43.0	68.9	86.7	101.6	76.6	75.8	47.0	27.1	19.9	14.4	15.4	25.9	602.2
3	T-Service UAF - TJ	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.1
4														
5	Recovery on Sales - \$000	\$ 152.7	\$ 244.8	\$ 308.1	\$ 361.1	\$ 272.1	\$ 269.2	\$ 167.0	\$ 96.4	\$ 70.6	\$ 51.1	\$ 54.6	\$ 92.1	\$ 2,139.7
6	Recovery on T-Service UAF - \$000	-	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.4
7	Total Forecast Recovered Gas Costs - \$000	<u>\$ 152.7</u>	<u>\$ 244.9</u>	<u>\$ 308.2</u>	<u>\$ 361.2</u>	<u>\$ 272.2</u>	<u>\$ 269.3</u>	<u>\$ 167.1</u>	<u>\$ 96.4</u>	<u>\$ 70.6</u>	<u>\$ 51.1</u>	<u>\$ 54.6</u>	<u>\$ 92.1</u>	<u>\$ 2,140.2</u>
8														
9														
10														
11	<u>INCURRED GAS COSTS</u>													
12	Total Purchases incl. all UAF - TJ	43.1	69.1	86.9	101.9	76.8	75.9	47.1	27.2	19.9	14.4	15.4	26.0	603.5
13														
14	Incurred Cost - \$/GJ	3.2440	3.8270	3.9588	3.9683	3.9472	3.8935	3.2163	3.2275	3.2537	3.2455	3.2524	3.2692	3.7058
15														
16	Forecast Incurred Gas Costs - \$000	<u>\$ 139.7</u>	<u>\$ 264.3</u>	<u>\$ 344.0</u>	<u>\$ 404.2</u>	<u>\$ 303.0</u>	<u>\$ 295.6</u>	<u>\$ 151.6</u>	<u>\$ 87.7</u>	<u>\$ 64.8</u>	<u>\$ 46.7</u>	<u>\$ 50.1</u>	<u>\$ 84.9</u>	<u>\$ 2,236.6</u>
17														
18														
19														
20	<u>GCRA BALANCE</u>													
21	Opening Balances (Pre-Tax) - \$000 ^(1*)	\$ (288.8)	\$ (301.8)	\$ (282.4)	\$ (246.5)	\$ (203.5)	\$ (172.7)	\$ (146.3)	\$ (161.8)	\$ (170.5)	\$ (176.3)	\$ (180.6)	\$ (185.1)	
22	Forecast Activity - \$000	(13.0)	19.4	35.9	43.0	30.8	26.4	(15.5)	(8.7)	(5.8)	(4.3)	(4.5)	(7.2)	96.4
23	Closing Balances (Pre-tax) - \$000	<u>\$ (301.8)</u>	<u>\$ (282.4)</u>	<u>\$ (246.5)</u>	<u>\$ (203.5)</u>	<u>\$ (172.7)</u>	<u>\$ (146.3)</u>	<u>\$ (161.8)</u>	<u>\$ (170.5)</u>	<u>\$ (176.3)</u>	<u>\$ (180.6)</u>	<u>\$ (185.1)</u>	<u>\$ (192.3)</u>	
24														
25														
26	Tax Rate	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	
27														
28	Opening Balances (After-Tax) - \$000	\$ (213.7)	\$ (223.3)	\$ (209.0)	\$ (182.4)	\$ (150.6)	\$ (127.8)	\$ (108.3)	\$ (119.8)	\$ (126.2)	\$ (130.5)	\$ (133.7)	\$ (137.0)	
29	Closing Balances (After Tax) - \$000	<u>\$ (223.3)</u>	<u>\$ (209.0)</u>	<u>\$ (182.4)</u>	<u>\$ (150.6)</u>	<u>\$ (127.8)</u>	<u>\$ (108.3)</u>	<u>\$ (119.8)</u>	<u>\$ (126.2)</u>	<u>\$ (130.5)</u>	<u>\$ (133.7)</u>	<u>\$ (137.0)</u>	<u>\$ (142.3)</u>	

Notes: Slight differences in totals due to rounding.

(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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Line No	Particulars	Five-day Average Forward Prices - August 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2013 2013 Q3 Gas Cost Report (2)	Five-day Average Forward Prices - May 15, 16, 17, 20, and 21, 2013 2013 Q2 Gas Cost Report (3)	Change in Forward Prices (4) = (2) - (3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) = (2) - (3)
1	Station No. 2 Index Prices - \$CDN/GJ ⁽¹⁾			
2	2013 April	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.31	\$ -
3	May	\$ 3.25	Recorded \$ 3.25	\$ -
4	June	\$ 3.15	Forecast \$ 3.39	\$ (0.24)
5	July	\$ 2.68	\$ 3.31	\$ (0.63)
6	August	Recorded \$ 2.34	\$ 3.31	\$ (0.97)
7	September	Forecast \$ 2.39	\$ 3.32	\$ (0.93)
8	October	\$ 2.54	\$ 3.35	\$ (0.81)
9	November	\$ 3.11	\$ 3.59	\$ (0.48)
10	December	\$ 3.29	\$ 3.78	\$ (0.49)
11	Simple Average (Apr, 2013 - Mar, 2014)	<u>\$ 2.98</u>	<u>\$ 3.48</u>	-14.3% <u>\$ (0.50)</u>
12	Simple Average (Jul, 2013 - Jun, 2014)	<u>\$ 2.97</u>	<u>\$ 3.53</u>	-15.7% <u>\$ (0.56)</u>
13	Simple Average (Oct, 2013 - Sep, 2014)	<u>\$ 3.16</u>	<u>\$ 3.58</u>	-11.9% <u>\$ (0.43)</u>
14	2014 January	\$ 3.27	\$ 3.76	\$ (0.49)
15	February	\$ 3.26	\$ 3.74	\$ (0.48)
16	March	\$ 3.22	\$ 3.69	\$ (0.47)
17	April	\$ 3.19	\$ 3.51	\$ (0.32)
18	May	\$ 3.19	\$ 3.49	\$ (0.29)
19	June	\$ 3.21	\$ 3.52	\$ (0.31)
20	July	\$ 3.19	\$ 3.52	\$ (0.33)
21	August	\$ 3.19	\$ 3.52	\$ (0.33)
22	September	\$ 3.23	\$ 3.54	\$ (0.32)
23	October	\$ 3.28	\$ 3.55	\$ (0.26)
24	November	\$ 3.47	\$ 3.72	\$ (0.25)
25	December	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.93	\$ (0.26)
26	Simple Average (Jan, 2014 - Dec, 2014)	<u>\$ 3.28</u>	<u>\$ 3.62</u>	-9.4% <u>\$ (0.34)</u>
27	Simple Average (Apr, 2014 - Mar, 2015)	<u>\$ 3.38</u>	<u>\$ 3.67</u>	-7.8% <u>\$ (0.29)</u>
28	Simple Average (Jul, 2014 - Jun, 2015)	<u>\$ 3.40</u>	<u>\$ 3.69</u>	-8.0% <u>\$ (0.29)</u>
29	Simple Average (Oct, 2014 - Sep, 2015)	<u>\$ 3.41</u>		
30	2015 January	\$ 3.69	\$ 3.94	\$ (0.25)
31	February	\$ 3.66	\$ 3.91	\$ (0.26)
32	March	\$ 3.57	\$ 3.83	\$ (0.26)
33	April	\$ 3.26	\$ 3.58	\$ (0.32)
34	May	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.59	\$ (0.34)
35	June	\$ 3.27	\$ 3.63	\$ (0.36)
36	July	\$ 3.24		
37	August	\$ 3.25		
38	September	\$ 3.29		

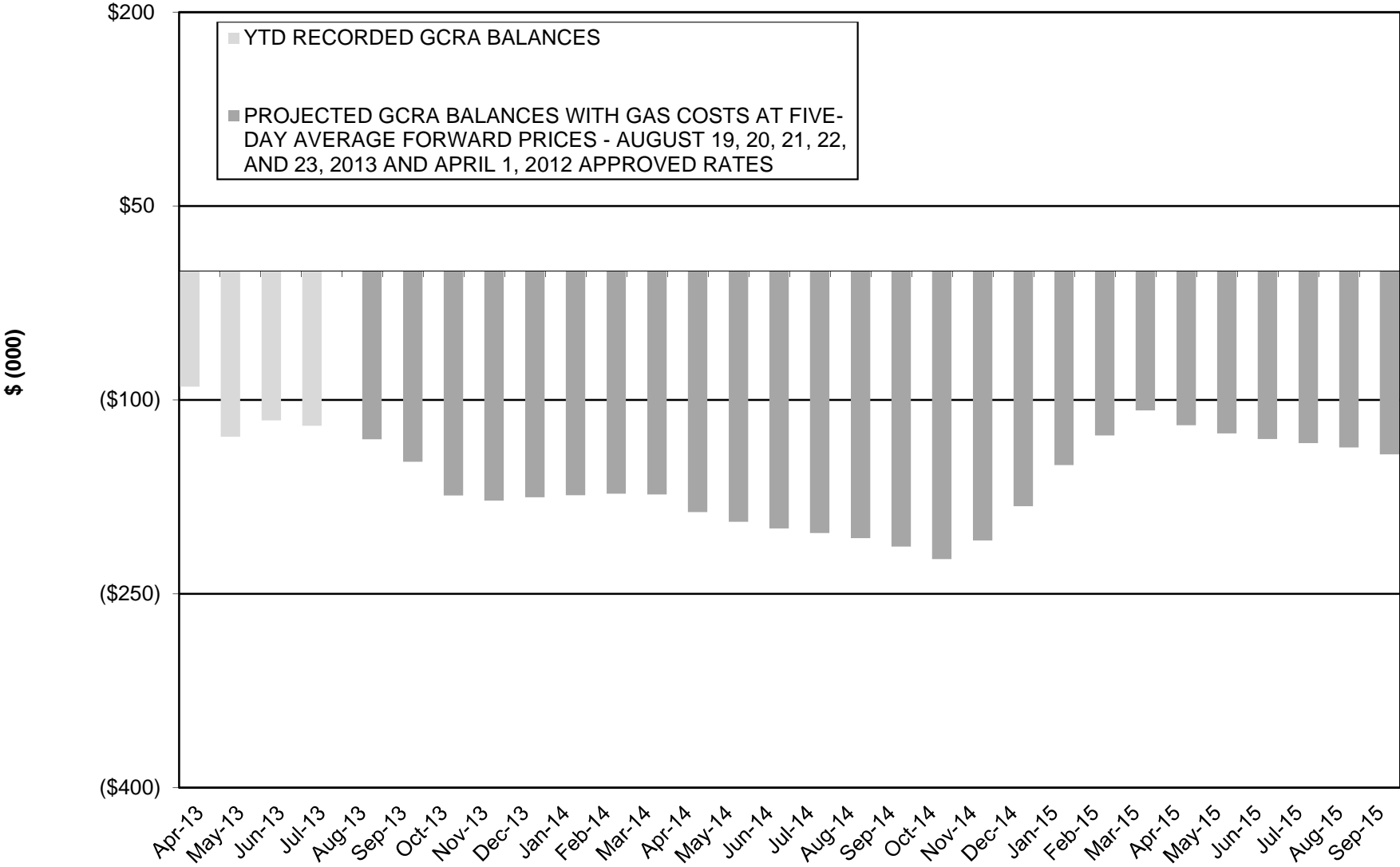
Notes: (1) Average of daily prices is used for recorded months.

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA
GCRA AFTER TAX BALANCES (\$000)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
AT EXISTING GAS COST RECOVERY RATES

Tab 1
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Line No.	Particulars	2013 Q3 Gas Cost Report April 1, 2012 Rates Five-day Average Forward Prices - August 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2013		2013 Q2 Gas Cost Report April 1, 2012 Rates Five-day Average Forward Prices - May 15, 16, 17, 20, and 21, 2013	
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(3)
1	2013 Apr		\$ (89.7)	Recorded	\$ (89.7)
2	May		\$ (128.6)	Projected	\$ (93.9)
3	Jun		\$ (115.9)		\$ (94.7)
4	Jul	Recorded	\$ (120.0)		\$ (96.1)
5	Aug	Projected	\$ (130.6)		\$ (97.5)
6	Sep		\$ (147.9)		\$ (100.4)
7	Oct		\$ (173.9)		\$ (104.9)
8	Nov		\$ (177.9)		\$ (86.9)
9	Dec		\$ (175.3)		\$ (56.5)
10	2014 Jan		\$ (173.8)		\$ (22.4)
11	Feb		\$ (172.6)		\$ 2.9
12	Mar		\$ (173.1)		\$ 26.3
13	Apr		\$ (186.9)		\$ 23.5
14	May		\$ (194.4)		\$ 21.8
15	Jun		\$ (199.4)		\$ 21.3
16	Jul		\$ (203.1)		\$ 21.1
17	Aug		\$ (207.0)		\$ 20.9
18	Sep		\$ (213.5)		\$ 20.4
19	Oct		\$ (223.1)		\$ 19.0
20	Nov		\$ (208.8)		\$ 42.8
21	Dec		\$ (182.2)		\$ 81.7
22	2015 Jan		\$ (150.4)		\$ 127.7
23	Feb		\$ (127.6)		\$ 161.4
24	Mar		\$ (108.1)		\$ 191.7
25	Apr		\$ (119.6)		\$ 191.3
26	May		\$ (126.0)		\$ 191.6
27	Jun		\$ (130.3)		\$ 192.6
28	Jul		\$ (133.5)		
29	Aug		\$ (136.8)		
30	Sep		\$ (142.1)		

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA
 GCRA AFTER TAX BALANCES BY MONTH
 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 2015





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DRAFT ORDER

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Dear Ms. Roy:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc.
Fort Nelson Service Area
2013 Third Quarter Gas Cost Report

Further to your September 6, 2013 filing of the 2013 Third Quarter Gas Cost Report (the Report) for the Fort Nelson Service Area. The Commission acknowledges receipt of the Report and accepts the recommendation that the gas cost recovery rates remain unchanged at October 1, 2013.

The Commission will hold confidential the information in Tab 2 of the Report.

Yours truly,

Erica M. Hamilton
Commission Secretary