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November 20, 2013

Via Email
Original via Mail

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

Attention: Ms. Erica M. Hamilton, Commission Secretary

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. – Revelstoke Service Area

2013 Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report

FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI or the Company) hereby submits to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) the 2013 Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report for the Revelstoke Service Area (Revelstoke). The attached schedules provide a summary of the forecast monthly Propane Cost Deferral Account balances based on the November 14, 2013 forward prices.

The schedule at Tab 1, Page 1, based on the November 14, 2013 forward prices, using the NYMEX B0 – Mt. Belvieu Propane Swap prices, and based on the current rates, the projected deferral account balance at December 31, 2013 is \$113,292 surplus (after tax), and the forecast balance at December 31, 2014 is \$205,360 deficit (after tax). The rate change trigger ratio is calculated to be 90.7%, which falls outside the 95% to 105% deadband range, and the proposed rate increase that would be required to produce a 100% propane cost recovery-to-cost ratio is calculated to be \$1.321/GJ (Tab 1, Page 3, Line 20), which falls outside the minimum \$0.50/GJ rate change threshold, indicating that a rate change is required at this time.

Provided in Tab 2 are the details of the forecast gas costs for Revelstoke. 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

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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. The Company 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 requests Commission approval for an increase in the propane reference price (based on the NYMEX B0 – Mt. Belvieu Propane Swap prices) for use in the Revelstoke Propane Cost Deferral Account from \$0.3166/litre to \$0.3490/litre which corresponds to a rate increase of \$1.321/GJ, effective January 1, 2014.

By Order G-150-13, the Commission approved FEI interim delivery changes, effective January 1, 2014. For comparative purpose, the bill impact schedule at Tab 1, Page 5 has been prepared showing the combined effects of the proposed delivery related rates and the Gas Cost Recovery Charge requested with the Revelstoke 2013 Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report, to be effective January 1, 2014. As a result, the annual bill impact for a typical Revelstoke residential customer with an average annual consumption of 50 GJ per year will increase by approximately \$77 or 7.7%.

The Company will continue to monitor the forward prices and will report these results in the 2014 First 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 604-592-7643.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

Original signed by: Shawn Hill

For: Diane Roy

Attachments

# FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE SERVICE AREA PROPANE COST DEFERRAL ACCOUNT WITH EXISTING PROPANE REFERENCE PRICE

Line No.	Particulars	Sales Volumes In Litre	Average Price Per Litre	Approved Reference Price	Amount Deferred Per Litre	Amount Deferred	Pre-Tax Deferral Balance	After Tax Deferral Balance
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)=(3)-(4)	(6)=(2)*(5)	(7)	(8)
1	September 30, 2013 Balance (Recorded)						(\$390,006)	(\$289,580)
2	October 2013 (Projected) (A)	672,712	\$0.4179	\$0.3166	\$0.1013	\$68,162	(\$321,844)	(\$238,969)
3	November (Projected)	979,426	\$0.3871	\$0.3166	\$0.0705	\$69,073	(\$252,771)	(\$187,683)
4	December (Projected)	1,313,011	\$0.3929	\$0.3166	\$0.0763	\$100,190	(\$152,581)	(\$113,292)
5	Current Quarter Total	2,965,149	ψ0.0020	φο.σ τοσ	ψ0.0100	\$237,425	(ψ102,001)	(Φ110,202)
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7	Forecast Volumes and Forecast Prices							
8	January, 2014 (Forecast)	1,320,622	\$0.3917	\$0.3166	\$0.0751	\$99,179	(\$53,402)	(\$39,651)
9	February (Forecast)	1,027,585	\$0.3804	\$0.3166	\$0.0638	\$65,560	\$12,158	\$9,027
10	March (Forecast)	1,004,142	\$0.3642	\$0.3166	\$0.0476	\$47,797	\$59,955	\$44,516
11	April (Forecast)	562,632	\$0.3386	\$0.3166	\$0.0220	\$12,378	\$72,333	\$53,526
12	May (Forecast)	445,417	\$0.3314	\$0.3166	\$0.0148	\$6,592	\$78,925	\$58,404
13	June (Forecast)	269,594	\$0.3259	\$0.3166	\$0.0093	\$2,507	\$81,432	\$60,260
14	July (Forecast)	273,502	\$0.3210	\$0.3166	\$0.0044	\$1,203	\$82,635	\$61,150
15	August (Forecast)	238,337	\$0.3221	\$0.3166	\$0.0055	\$1,311	\$83,946	\$62,120
16	September (Forecast)	324,295	\$0.3323	\$0.3166	\$0.0157	\$5,091	\$89,037	\$65,887
17	October (Forecast)	734,547	\$0.3527	\$0.3166	\$0.0361	\$26,517	\$115,554	\$85,510
18	November (Forecast)	1,008,049	\$0.3770	\$0.3166	\$0.0604	\$60,886	\$176,440	\$130,565
19	December (Forecast)	1,344,065	\$0.3918	\$0.3166	\$0.0752	\$101,074	\$277,514	\$205,360
20	Total January, 2014 to December, 2014	8,552,786				\$430,095		
21								
22								
23	Forecast Recovered Costs [(Line 20 Co	, , , ,-		=	\$2,707,812	90.7%		
24	December 31, 2013 Deferral Balance (Line 4 Col. 7) +	Forecast Costs (Page 2 Lir	ne 13 Col. 9)		\$2,985,336			
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26					<b>**</b> • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	<b>*</b> * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	40-000	<b>***</b>
27	January, 2015 Balance (Forecast)	1,375,322	\$0.3910	\$0.3166	\$0.0744	\$102,324	\$379,838	\$281,080
28	February (Forecast)	1,070,563	\$0.3844	\$0.3166	\$0.0678	\$72,584	\$452,422	\$334,792
29	March (Forecast)	1,047,120	\$0.3553	\$0.3166	\$0.0387	\$40,524	\$492,946	\$364,780
30	April (Forecast)	593,889	\$0.3282	\$0.3166	\$0.0116	\$6,889	\$499,835	\$369,878
31	May (Forecast)	464,953	\$0.3215	\$0.3166	\$0.0049	\$2,278	\$502,113	\$371,563
32	June (Forecast)	289,130	\$0.3172	\$0.3166	\$0.0006	\$173	\$502,286	\$371,692
33	July (Forecast)	285,223	\$0.3129	\$0.3166	(\$0.0037)	(\$1,055)	\$501,231	\$370,911
34	August (Forecast)	246,151	\$0.3141	\$0.3166	(\$0.0025)	(\$615)	\$500,616	\$370,456
35	September (Forecast)	336,016	\$0.3244	\$0.3166	\$0.0078	\$2,621	\$503,237	\$372,395
36	October (Forecast)	765,804	\$0.3457	\$0.3166	\$0.0291	\$22,285	\$525,522	\$388,886
37	November (Forecast)	1,047,120	\$0.3708	\$0.3166	\$0.0542	\$56,754	\$582,276	\$430,884
38	December (Forecast)	1,402,673	\$0.3879	\$0.3166	\$0.0713	\$100,011	\$682,287	\$504,892
39	Total January, 2015 to December, 2015	8,923,967	•	•	•	\$404,773		•
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# FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE SERVICE AREA PROPANE COST DEFERRAL ACCOUNT

## FORECAST AVERAGE COST OF PROPANE

## (NOVEMBER 14, 2013 FORWARD PRICES BASED ON NYMEX MT. BELVIEU PROPANE SWAP PRICES)

Line No.	Particulars	Sales Volume (Litres)	Fixed Volume (Litres)	Variable Volume (Litres)		Fixed Price <sup>(A)</sup> (\$/litre)		Variable Price <sup>(A)</sup> (\$/litre)		Fixed Charges (\$)		Variable Charges (\$)		Total (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)
1	January, 2014 (Forecast)	1,320,622	560,000	760,622	\$	0.3575	\$	0.4168	\$	200,211	\$	317,029	\$	517,240
2	February (Forecast)	1,027,585	560,000	467,585	\$	0.3575	\$	0.4078	\$	200,211	\$	190,689	\$	390,901
3	March (Forecast)	1,004,142	560,000	444,142	\$	0.3575	\$	0.3726	\$	200,211	\$	165,474	\$	365,685
4	April (Forecast)	562,632	-	562,632	\$	-	\$	0.3386	\$	-	\$	190,518	\$	190,518
5	May (Forecast)	445,417	-	445,417	\$	-	\$	0.3314	\$	-	\$	147,624	\$	147,624
6	June (Forecast)	269,594	-	269,594	\$	-	\$	0.3259	\$	-	\$	87,854	\$	87,854
7	July (Forecast)	273,502	-	273,502	\$	-	\$	0.3210	\$	-	\$	87,803	\$	87,803
8	August (Forecast)	238,337	-	238,337	\$	-	\$	0.3221	\$	-	\$	76,762	\$	76,762
9	September (Forecast)	324,295	-	324,295	\$	-	\$	0.3323	\$	-	\$	107,749	\$	107,749
10	October (Forecast)	734,547	-	734,547	\$	-	\$	0.3527	\$	-	\$	259,102	\$	259,102
11	November (Forecast)	1,008,049	-	1,008,049		-	\$	0.3770	\$	-	\$	380,041		380,041
12	December (Forecast)	1,344,065	-	1,344,065		-	\$	0.3918	\$	-	\$	526,637	\$	526,637
13	Total January, 2014 to December, 2014	8,552,786	1,680,000	6,872,786					\$	600,634	\$	2,537,283	\$	3,137,917
14	•									-				
15	Forecast Average Cost of Propane - (\$	S/Litre) <sup>(B), (C)</sup>												
16		8,552,786	Litres										\$	0.3669
17	Forecast Average Cost of Propane - (\$	(GJ) <sup>(B), (D)</sup>												
18	(Conversion factor 1 Litre = 0.025594 GJ)	218,900	GJs										\$	14.335
19														
20	January, 2015 Balance (Forecast)	1,375,322	-	1,375,322		-	\$	0.3910		-	\$	537,687		537,687
21	February (Forecast)	1,070,563	-	1,070,563		-	\$	0.3844	\$	-	\$	,	\$	411,505
	March (Forecast)	1,047,120	-	1,047,120		-	\$	0.3553	\$	-	\$	371,998	\$	371,998
23	April (Forecast)	593,889	-	593,889	\$	-	\$	0.3282	\$	-	\$	,	\$	194,889
	May (Forecast)	464,953	-	464,953		-	\$	0.3215	\$	-	\$	149,495		149,495
25	June (Forecast)	289,130	-	289,130	\$	-	\$	0.3172	\$	-	\$	91,720		91,720
26	July (Forecast)	285,223	-	285,223	\$	-	\$	0.3129	\$	-	\$	89,242		89,242
27	August (Forecast)	246,151	-	246,151		-	\$	0.3141	\$	-	\$	77,318		77,318
28	September (Forecast)	336,016	-	336,016		-	\$	0.3244	\$	-	\$	109,003		109,003
	October (Forecast)	765,804	-	765,804		-	\$	0.3457	\$	-	\$	264,719		264,719
30	November (Forecast)	1,047,120	-	1,047,120		-	\$ \$	0.3708	\$	-	\$ \$	388,250	\$ \$	388,250
	December (Forecast)	1,402,673	<del>-</del>	1,402,673	Ф	-	Ф	0.3879	<u>*</u>		<u> </u>	544,162	<del>-</del>	544,162
32	Total January, 2015 to December, 2015	8,923,967		8,923,967					\$		\$	3,229,987	\$	3,229,987

Notes: (A) Includes transportation costs.

<sup>(</sup>B) Forecast average cost of propane excludes company use, vaporizer use, and unaccounted for gas.

<sup>(</sup>C) Forecast Average Cost of Propane - (\$/Litre) = Total Cost (Column 9 Line 13) / Sales Volume in Litres (Column 2 Line 16).

<sup>(</sup>D) Forecast Average Cost of Propane - (\$/GJ) = Total Cost (Column 9 Line 13) / Sales Volume in GJ (Column 2 Line 18).

## FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE SERVICE AREA PROPANE COST DEFERRAL ACCOUNT

## CALCULATION OF PROPANE COST DECREASE FLOWTHROUGH

Line							
No.	Particulars	\$/Litre	\$/GJ				
	(1)		(2)	(3)			
1	Calculation of New Propane Reference Price						
2				Per GJ shown			
3	i. Forecast Average Cost of Propane (Tab 1, Page 2, Col. 9, Line 16 and Line	e 18)	40.000	for info only			
4	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014		\$0.3669	\$14.335			
5	" Turk a Marth Arrestination of (450 504) (Defend Balance Tal. 4	. D 4 O	0				
6 7	ii. Twelve Month Amortization of \$\\(\frac{\\$(152,581)}{\$8,552,786}\) (Volume in Litres, Tab 1	-	•	(\$0.607)			
8	Projected Deferral Account Balance 8,552,786 (Volume in Litres, Tab 1	, Page 1, Col. 2, Lir	ne 32) (\$0.0178)	(\$0.697)			
9	Proposed Reference Price		\$0.3490	\$13.638			
10	Troposed Neterence Frice		ψ0.5490	φ13.030			
11							
12	Existing Propane Reference Price		\$0.3166	\$12.370			
13	(Conversion factor 1 Litre = 0.025594 GJ)		<del></del>	ψ12.0.0			
14							
15							
16	Increase in Propane Reference Price to be Flowed Through in Customers' R	ates	\$0.0324	\$1.266			
17			<u></u>				
18	Add: Company Use/Vaporizer Use/Unaccounted For Gas Adjustment of 4.4	2% <sup>(A)</sup>		\$0.055			
19				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
20	Total Propane Cost Flowthrough (B)						
21	(Conversion factor 1 Litre = 0.025594 GJ)						
22							
23							
24							
25							
26	Note: (A) The Company Use/Vaporizer Use/Unaccounted For Gas Adjustme			l <b>.</b>			
27	<u> </u>		Percentage				
28	Sales	12,678,853					
29		4.704	0.0404				
30	Company Use	4,724	0.04%				
31 32	Propane Used for Vaporizer Unaccounted For	170,323	1.34%				
32	<u> </u>	385,378 560,425	3.04%				
	Total Fuel / UAF Requirement	500,425	4.42%				
34	Note: (D) Prockdown of Pote Change:						
35	Note: (B) Breakdown of Rate Change:			(Ac cc=)			
26	Projected Deferral Palance at Dec 21, 2012						
36 37	Projected Deferral Balance at Dec 31, 2013 Propane Cost Under (Over) Recovery (including amount at Line 18	8) for lan 1 2014	to Dec 31, 2014 period	(\$0.697) \$2.018			

## FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE SERVICE AREA PROPANE COST DEFERRAL ACCOUNT

## WITH PROPOSED REFERENCE PRICE JANUARY 1, 2014

Line No.	Particulars	Volumes In Litre	Average Price Per Litre	Approved Reference Price	Amount Deferred Per Litre	Amount Deferred	Pre-Tax Deferral Balance	After Tax Deferral Balance
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)=(3)-(4)	(6)=(2)*(5)	(7)	(8)
1	September 30, 2013 Balance (Recorded)						(\$390,006)	(\$289,580)
2	October 2013 (Projected) (A)	672,712	\$0.4179	\$0.3166	\$0.1013	\$68,162	(\$321,844)	(\$238,969)
3	November (Projected)	979,426	\$0.3871	\$0.3166	\$0.0705	\$69,073	(\$252,771)	(\$187,683)
4	December (Projected)	1,313,011	\$0.3929	\$0.3166	\$0.0763	\$100,190	(\$152,581)	(\$113,292)
5	Current Quarter Total	2,965,149				\$237,425		
6				Proposed				
7				Reference				
8				Price				
9	Forecast Volumes and Forecast Prices							
10	January, 2014 (Forecast)	1,320,622	\$0.3917	\$0.3490	\$0.0427	\$56,391	(\$96,190)	(\$71,421)
11	February (Forecast)	1,027,585	\$0.3804	\$0.3490	\$0.0314	\$32,266	(\$63,924)	(\$47,464)
12	March (Forecast)	1,004,142	\$0.3642	\$0.3490	\$0.0152	\$15,263	(\$48,661)	(\$36,131)
13	April (Forecast)	562,632	\$0.3386	\$0.3490	(\$0.0104)	(\$5,851)	(\$54,512)	(\$40,339)
14	May (Forecast)	445,417	\$0.3314	\$0.3490	(\$0.0176)	(\$7,839)	(\$62,351)	(\$46,140)
15	June (Forecast)	269,594	\$0.3259	\$0.3490	(\$0.0231)	(\$6,228)	(\$68,579)	(\$50,749)
16	July (Forecast)	273,502	\$0.3210	\$0.3490	(\$0.0280)	(\$7,658)	(\$76,237)	(\$56,416)
17	August (Forecast)	238,337	\$0.3221	\$0.3490	(\$0.0269)	(\$6,411)	(\$82,648)	(\$61,160)
18	September (Forecast)	324,295	\$0.3323	\$0.3490	(\$0.0167)	(\$5,416)	(\$88,064)	(\$65,167)
19	October (Forecast)	734,547	\$0.3527	\$0.3490	\$0.0037	\$2,718	(\$85,346)	(\$63,156)
20	November (Forecast)	1,008,049	\$0.3770	\$0.3490	\$0.0280	\$28,225	(\$57,121)	(\$42,270)
21	December (Forecast)	1,344,065	\$0.3918	\$0.3490	\$0.0428	\$57,526	\$405	\$300
22	Total January, 2014 to December, 2014	8,552,786				\$152,986		
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25	January 2015 Balance (Foregot)	4 275 222	<b>CO 2010</b>	<b>#0.2400</b>	<b>\$0,0420</b>	¢57.764	\$58,169	¢42.045
25 26	January, 2015 Balance (Forecast) February (Forecast)	1,375,322	\$0.3910 \$0.3844	\$0.3490 \$0.3490	\$0.0420 \$0.0354	\$57,764 \$37,909	\$58,169 \$96,067	\$43,045
26 27	,	1,070,563 1,047,120	\$0.3553		\$0.0354	\$37,898 \$6,597		\$71,089 \$75,971
27 28	March (Forecast)	593,889	\$0.3282	\$0.3490 \$0.3490	\$0.0063		\$102,664 \$90,311	\$66,830
28 29	April (Forecast)	·	\$0.3282 \$0.3215		(\$0.0208)	(\$12,353)		
30	May (Forecast) June (Forecast)	464,953 289,130	\$0.3215 \$0.3172	\$0.3490 \$0.3490	(\$0.0275)	(\$12,786)	\$77,525 \$68,331	\$57,368 \$50,565
30 31	July (Forecast)	289,130	\$0.3172 \$0.3129	\$0.3490 \$0.3490	(\$0.0318) (\$0.0361)	(\$9,194)		
	,	•			( '	(\$10,297)	\$58,034	\$42,945
32 33	August (Forecast)	246,151 336,016	\$0.3141 \$0.3244	\$0.3490 \$0.3490	(\$0.0349) (\$0.0346)	(\$8,591)	\$49,443 \$41,177	\$36,588 \$30,471
33 34	September (Forecast)	•	· ·		(\$0.0246) (\$0.0033)	(\$8,266) (\$2,527)	' '	
34 35	October (Forecast)	765,804 1,047,130	\$0.3457 \$0.3708	\$0.3490 \$0.3400	(\$0.0033)	(\$2,527)	\$38,650 \$61,477	\$28,601 \$45,403
35 36	November (Forecast) December (Forecast)	1,047,120 1,402,673	\$0.3708 \$0.3879	\$0.3490 \$0.3490	\$0.0218 \$0.0389	\$22,827 \$54,564	\$61,477 \$116,041	\$45,493 \$85,870
36 37	Total January, 2015 to December, 2015	8,923,967	φυ.3679	φυ.3490	φυ.υ369	\$115,636	φιιο,υ <del>4</del> Ι	φου,ο70
31	Total January, 2013 to December, 2013	0,323,307				φ113,030		

## Tab 1 Page 5

#### FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE SERVICE AREA JANUARY 1, 2014 PROPOSED PROPANE COST INCREASE TYPICAL ANNUAL CONSUMPTION

			Ra	te 1 - Reside	ntial Rate 2 - Small Commercial					Rate 3 - Large Commercial							
				Unit					Unit					Unit			
		Use per		Revenue			Use per		Revenue			Use per		Revenue			
Line		Customer		(\$/GJ) or	Revenue	%	Customer		(\$/GJ) or	Revenue	%	Customer		(\$/GJ) or	Revenue	%	
No.	Particulars	(GJ)		(\$/day)	(\$)	Increase	(GJ)		(\$/day)	(\$)	Increase	(GJ)		(\$/day)	(\$)	Increase	
1	REVELSTOKE PROPANE																
2	- INLAND SERVICE AREA																
3																	
4	Existing:																
5																	
6	Delivery Margin Related Charges																
7	Basic Charge per Day	365.25	days	\$0.3890	\$142.08		365.25	days	\$0.8161	\$298.08		365.25	days	\$4.3538	\$1,590.23		
8	Delivery Margin Related Charge (incl. riders)	50.0	ĠĴ	\$3.397	\$169.85		250.0	•	\$2.775	\$693.75		4,500.0	•	\$2.344	\$10,548.00		
9	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,																
10	Cost of Gas (Commodity Related Charges)																
11	Cost of Gas Recovery Related Charges	50.0	GJ	\$13.948	\$697.40		250.0		\$12.857	\$3,214.25		4,500.0		\$12.857	\$57,856.50		
12	cost of cas recovery related charges	00.0	-	Ψ.σ.σ.σ	φοστιτο	-	200.0		ψ.2.00.	Ψ0,Σ::::20	•	.,000.0		ψ.2.00.	ψο: ,σσσ.σσ	•	
13	Typical Annual Bill at Current Rates (excluding																
14	any applicable Taxes)	50.0			\$1,009.33		250.0			\$4,206.08		4,500.0			\$69,994.73		
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16																	
	Proposed Changes January 1, 2014:																
	Proposed Changes January 1, 2014.																
18	Delivery Marris Balata d Obarra			<b>CO 004</b>	£44.00	4.40/			<b>CO 400</b>	<b>\$40.05</b>	4.007			<b>CO 400</b>	<b>#</b> FF0 F0	0.00/	
19	Delivery Margin Related Charge			\$0.224	\$11.20	1.1%			\$0.169	\$42.25	1.0%			\$0.123	\$553.50	0.8%	
20	Cost of Gas Recovery Related Charge			\$1.321	\$66.05	6.5%			\$1.321	\$330.25	7.9%			\$1.321	\$5,944.50	8.5%	
21	Total Charges			\$1.545	\$77.25	7.7%			\$1.490	\$372.50	8.9%			\$1.444	\$6,498.00	9.3%	
22																	
23	Typical Annual Bill after Proposed Rates (excluding																
24	any applicable Taxes)				\$1,086.58	7.7%	1			\$4,578.58	8.9%				\$76,492.73	9.3%	



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## **DRAFT ORDER**

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

and

An Application by FortisBC Energy Inc.
Regarding the 2013 Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report and
Propane Commodity Charges effective January 1, 2014
for the Revelstoke Service Area

BEFORE:			
			[Date]

## WHEREAS:

- A. By Order No. G-149-13 dated September 13, 2013, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved the propane rates for the FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) Revelstoke service area (Revelstoke) effective October 1, 2013;
- B. On November 20, 2013, FEI filed its 2013 Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report for Revelstoke (the 2013 Fourth Quarter Report);
- C. Using a propane price forecast based on November 14, 2013 NMYEX B0 Mt. Belvieu propane swap prices, and based on the existing rates, the projected after tax deferral balance at December 31, 2013 of \$113,292 surplus is forecast to change to an after tax deficit balance of \$205,360 at December 31, 2014. The rate change trigger mechanism is calculated to be 90.7 percent which falls outside the deadband range of 95 percent to 105 percent. The proposed rate decrease is calculated to \$0.707/GJ, which falls outside the threshold;
- D. In the 2013 Fourth Quarter Report, FEI indicates that current propane cost recovery rates will under recover costs and a propane rate increase is required, effective January 1, 2014;
- E. The combined effects of the interim delivery changes approved by Order No. G-150-13 to be effective January 1, 2014, and the proposed Gas Cost Recovery Charge requested within the 2013 Fourth Quarter

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Report would be equivalent to an increase of approximately \$77 or 7.7 percent, based on an annual consumption of 50 GJ;

- F. FEI requests that the forecast gas cost information for Revelstoke in Tab 2 of the 2013 Fourth Quarter Report be held confidential on the basis that it is market sensitive information;
- G. The Commission has determined that the requested changes to the propane reference price and propane rate for Revelstoke should be approved.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to Section 61(4) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves a propane reference price increase of \$0.3166 per litre to \$0.3490 per litre, which corresponds to an increase of \$1.321 per gigajoule in customer rates, effective January 1, 2014.
- 2. FEI will notify all customers that are affected by the rate change by way of a bill insert or bill message.
- 3. The Commission will hold the gas cost information for Revelstoke in Tab 2 of the 2013 Fourth Quarter Report confidential.

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

day of November, 2013.

BY ORDER