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Via Email
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British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre
Suite 209 – 1090 West Pender Street
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Attention: Ms. Tannis Braithwaite, Acting Executive Director

Dear Ms. Braithwaite:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) and FortisBC Inc. (FBC) (collectively the Companies)
Applications for Approval of a Multi-Year Performance Based Ratemaking Plan for 2014 through 2018 (the Applications)
Information Request (IR) No. 1 to the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre on behalf of the British Columbia Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization et al (BCPSO)

In accordance with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or the Commission) Orders G-218-13 and G-219-13 in the above noted proceedings, the Companies respectfully submit the attached IR No. 1 to BCPSO on the Evidence of Russ Bell, CMA (FEI Exhibit C5-6 and FBC Exhibit C3-7).

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC. and
FORTISBC INC.**

Original signed by: Diane Roy

For: Diane Roy and Dennis Swanson

Attachments

cc (email only): Commission Secretary
Registered Parties

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FEI-FBC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre on behalf of the British Columbia Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization <i>et al</i> (BCPSO) on the Evidence of Mr. Russ Bell (FEI Exhibit C5-6 and FBC Exhibit C3-7)	Page 1

1 **1.0 Reference: Exhibit C5-6, Evidence of Russ Bell, CMA, Page 2, Question 3**

2 Mr. Bell's response to Question 3 states that he has:

3 *"extensive experience with performance based regulation, or PBR, in Alberta, having*
4 *been involved in all PBR Applications in Alberta since 2005"*.

5 1.1 Prior to his engagement in the FortisBC 2014-2018 PBR applications does Mr.
6 Bell have experience with PBR or other forms of incentive ratemaking in any
7 jurisdictions other than Alberta? If so, please describe this experience, including
8 the name of the proceedings, the nature of the regulatory application at issue
9 (with specific discussion of the PBR or incentive ratemaking aspects) and Mr.
10 Bell's role in the application.

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12 **2.0 Reference: Exhibit C5-6, Evidence of Russ Bell, CMA, Page 4, Question 6**

13 Question 6 asks why the AUC introduced PBR for distribution utilities in Alberta.

14 2.1 For the natural gas distribution utilities that are subject to PBR under AUC
15 Decision 2012-237 please list the utilities and confirm that each is a distribution
16 utility only. Please confirm for each utility that natural gas production, natural gas
17 storage, natural gas transmission and the retail function (billing and customer
18 care) are not included in their respective PBR plans.

19 2.2 For the electric utilities that are subject to PBR under AUC Decision 2012-237
20 please list the utilities and confirm for each that their respective PBR plans cover
21 the distribution utility only. Please confirm for each utility that electricity
22 generation, transmission and the retail function (billing and customer care) are
23 not included in their respective PBR plans.

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