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June 4, 2014

<u>Via Email</u> Original via Mail

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

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, 2014 Second Quarter Gas Cost Report

The attached materials provide the FEI 2014 Second 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 May 14, 15, 16, 20, and 21, 2014 forward prices for natural gas (five-day average forward prices ending May 21, 2014), the June 30, 2014 GCRA deferral balance is projected to be approximately \$186.0 thousand deficit after tax (Tab 1, Page 2, Column 2, Line 28). Further, based on the five-day average forward prices ending May 21, 2014, the gas purchase cost assumptions, and the forecast gas cost recoveries at present rates for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2015, and accounting for the projected June 30, 2014 deferral balance, the GCRA ratio is calculated to be 101.0% (Tab 1, Page 1, Column 3, Line 10), which falls within the 95% to 105% deadband. In addition, the tested rate change related to the forecast recovery of gas costs and the amortization of the projected June 30, 2014 deferral balance over the prospective 12-month period is calculated as a rate decrease in the amount of \$0.049/GJ (Tab 1 Page 1, Column 5, Line 30), which falls within the \$0.50/GJ rate change threshold. The results indicate 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 July 1, 2014.

The Company will continue to monitor the forward prices and will report these results in the 2014 Third 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:

Diane Roy

Attachments

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA GAS COST RECONCILIATION ACCOUNT (GCRA) RATE CHANGE TRIGGER MECHANISM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015 AT EXISTING GAS COST RECOVERY RATES FIVE DAY AVERAGE FORWARD PRICES - MAY 14, 15, 16, 20, AND 21, 2014

Line No.	Particulars	Annual (\$000)	Percentage	Energy (TJ)	Unit Cost (\$/GJ)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	RATE CHANGE TRIGGER MECHANISM				
2	Projected Grossed-up GCRA Balance as at June 30, 2014	\$ 251.4			
3	(Tab 1, Page 2, Col 2, Line 21)	T -			
4					
5	Forecast Incurred Gas Costs - July 2014 to June 2015	\$ 2,590.8			
6	(Tab 1, Page 2, Col 14, Line 16)				
7	Forecast Recovered Gas Costs - July 2014 to June 2015	\$ 2,871.7			
8	(Tab 1, Page 2, Col 14, Line 7)				
9					
10	Ratio	2,871.7	101.0%		
11	Forecast Incurred Gas Costs + Projected GCRA Balance \$ 2	2,842.1			
12					
13					
14					
15					
16 17	BALANCING REQUIREMENT			- 1-1)	
18	(applicable when Rate Change Trigger Mechanism Ratio falls outside 95% to 105% deadb	band and outside ± 3	0.50/GJ thresh	010)	
19					
20	TESTED RATE				
21					
22	Forecast 12 Month Sales Recovery Energy July 2014 to June 2015			601.3	
23	(Tab 1, Page 2, Col 14, Line 2)				
24					
25	Projected GCRA Balance at June 30, 2014 (Line 2)	\$ 251.4			\$ 0.4180 ^(1*)
26	Forecast GCRA Activities - July 2014 to June 2015 (Line 5 minus Line 7)	(280.9)			\$ (0.4671) ^(1*)
27	(Over) / Under Recovery at Existing Rates	\$ (29.5)			÷ (00)
28					
29					
30	TESTED RATE (DECREASE) / INCREASE				\$ (0.049) ^(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 JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015 AT EXISTING GAS COST RECOVERY RATES FIVE DAY AVERAGE FORWARD PRICES - MAY 14, 15, 16, 20, AND 21, 2014

1 10 month											1-12 month															
Line No.	Particulars	J	lul-14	Aı	ug-14	S	ep-14	0	oct-14	N	ov-14	0)ec-14	J	an-15	F	eb-15	М	lar-15	A	pr-15	м	ay-15	Jı		Forecast Total
	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)		(10)		(11)		(12)		(13)	(14)
1 2 3 4 5	RECOVERED GAS COSTS Total Sales - TJ T-Service UAF - TJ Recovery on Sales - \$000	\$	14.2 0.0 67.7	\$	15.1 0.0 72.2	\$	25.5 0.0 121.6	\$	43.0 0.0 205.3	\$	68.9 0.0 329.1	\$	86.7 0.0 414.1	\$	101.6 0.0 485.3	\$	76.6 0.0 365.6	\$	75.8 0.0 361.8	\$	47.0 0.0 224.5	\$	27.1 0.0 129.5	\$	19.9 0.0 94.9 \$	601.3 0.1 2,871.4
6	Recovery on T-Service UAF - \$000		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.1		0.1		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.2
7 8 9 10	Total Forecast Recovered Gas Costs - \$000	\$	67.7	<u>\$</u>	72.2	<u>\$</u>	121.6	<u>\$</u>	205.3	<u>\$</u>	329.1	<u>\$</u>	414.1	\$	485.3	<u>\$</u>	365.7	<u>\$</u>	361.8	<u>\$</u>	224.5	<u>\$</u>	129.6	\$	<u>94.9</u> <u>\$</u>	2,871.7
11	INCURRED GAS COSTS																									
12	Purchases - TJ ^(1*)		14.2		15.1		25.5		43.0		69.0		86.8		101.7		76.7		75.8		47.1		27.2		19.9	602.0
13 14 15	Average Cost of Gas Purchased - \$/GJ		4.1170		4.0993		4.0530		4.1069		4.4573		4.5250		4.5138		4.5054		4.4830		3.6713		3.6432		3.6981	4.3035
16	Forecast Incurred Gas Costs - \$000	\$	58.4	\$	62.1	\$	103.3	\$	176.7	\$	307.5	\$	392.8	\$	459.3	\$	345.4	\$	340.0	\$	172.8	\$	98.9	\$	73.5	2,590.8
17 18 19 20	GCRA BALANCE																									
21	Opening Balances (Pre-Tax) - \$000 ^(2*)	\$	251.4	\$	242.1	\$	232.0	\$	213.7	\$	185.1	\$	163.6	\$	142.3	\$	116.2	\$	95.9	\$	74.1	\$	22.4	\$	(8.2)	
	Forecast Activity - \$000		(9.3)		(10.2)		(18.3)		(28.5)		(21.6)		(21.3)		(26.1)		(20.3)		(21.8)		(51.7)		(30.6)		(21.3) \$	(280.9)
23	Closing Balances (Pre-tax) - \$000	\$	242.1	\$	232.0	\$	213.7	\$	185.1	\$	163.6	\$	142.3	\$	116.2	\$	95.9	\$	74.1	\$	22.4	\$	(8.2)	\$	(29.5)	
24 25 26 27	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%	
28	Opening Balances (After-Tax) - \$000 Closing Balances (After Tax) - \$000	\$ \$	186.0 179.2	\$ \$	179.2 171.6	\$ \$	171.6 158.1	\$ \$	158.1 137.0	\$ \$	137.0	\$	121.0 105.3	\$	105.3 86.0		86.0		71.0 54.9	\$ \$		\$ \$	16.6 (6.1)		(6.1) (21.8)	
29	CIUSING DAIANCES (AILER TAX) - 2000	φ	179.2	φ	1/1.0	φ	130.1	φ	137.0	φ	121.0	φ	105.3	φ	0.00	φ	71.0	φ	04.9	φ	10.0	φ	(0.1)	φ	(21.0)	

Notes: Slight differences in totals due to rounding.

(1*) Purchases include Sales & T-Service UAF quantities, but exclude Company Use Gas quantities.

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

Tab 1 Page 2

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA RECOVERED AND INCURRED COSTS SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016 AT EXISTING GAS COST RECOVERY RATES FIVE DAY AVERAGE FORWARD PRICES - MAY 14, 15, 16, 20, AND 21, 2014

Line No.	Particulars		Jul-15	Aug	-15	Sep-15		Oct-15	N	ov-15	D)ec-15		lan-16	F	eb-16	м	ar-16	۵	pr-16	M	lav-16	.h	un-16	Fo	orecast Total
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	(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)		(10)		(11)		(12)		(13)		(14)
1	RECOVERED GAS COSTS					05		40.0		70.0				100.0		0		77.0		47.0		07.0				
2 3	Total Sales - TJ		14.4 0.0		15.4 0.0	25.9 0.0		43.6 0.0		70.0 0.0		88.0 0.0		103.3 0.0		77.8 0.0		77.0 0.0		47.8 0.0		27.6 0.0		20.2 0.0		610.9 0.1
3 4	T-Service UAF - TJ		0.0		0.0	0.0	J	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0				0.0		0.1
5	Recovery on Sales - \$000	\$		\$		\$ 123.8			\$	334.3	\$	420.3	\$		\$	371.5	\$		\$	228.1	\$		\$	96.4	\$	2,917.2
6	Recovery on T-Service UAF - \$000		0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.1		0.1		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.2
7	Total Forecast Recovered Gas Costs - \$000	\$	68.6	\$	73.3	<u>\$ 123.8</u>	<u>}</u>	208.3	\$	334.3	\$	420.4	\$	493.3	\$	371.6	\$	367.7	\$	228.1	\$	131.6	\$	96.4	\$	2,917.5
8																										
9																										
10																										
11	INCURRED GAS COSTS																									
12	Purchases - TJ ^(1*)		14.4		15.4	25.9	9	43.7		70.1		88.1		103.4		77.9		77.1		47.8		27.6		20.2		611.6
13																										
14	Average Cost of Gas Purchased - \$/GJ		3.6930	3.7	7029	3.6813	3	3.7036		4.0427		4.1437		4.1924		4.1825		4.1392		3.5329		3.5353		3.6017		3.9789
15																										
16	Forecast Incurred Gas Costs - \$000	\$	53.1	\$	56.9	\$ 95.	5	161.7	\$	283.3	\$	365.2	\$	433.5	\$	325.8	\$	319.1	\$	169.0	\$	97.5	\$	72.8	\$	2,433.5
17																										
18																										
19																										
20	GCRA BALANCE	•	(00.5)	•		• (•)		(00 -	•	(100.0)		(107.0)		((•	((000.0)		(•	(
21	Opening Balances (Pre-Tax) - \$000 ^(2*)	\$	(29.5)		(45.0)				\$	(136.2)	\$	(187.2)	\$	(242.4)	\$	(302.2)	\$	(348.0)	\$	(396.6)	\$	(455.8)	\$	(489.8)	•	(400.0)
22	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		(15.5)		(16.4)	(28.3	/	(46.6)	¢	(51.0)	ሱ	(55.2)	ሱ	(59.7)	ሰ	(45.8)	<u>ф</u>	(48.6)	ሱ	(59.2)	ሰ	(34.1)	ሱ	(23.6)	\$	(483.9)
23	Closing Balances (Pre-tax) - \$000	\$	(45.0)	\$ ((61.4)	\$ (89.	() \$	(136.2)	\$	(187.2)	\$	(242.4)	\$	(302.2)	\$	(348.0)	\$	(396.6)	\$	(455.8)	\$	(489.8)	\$	(513.4)		
24																										
25	Toy Data		26.00%	06	000/	26.00		06.00%		26.00%		00.000/		06 009/		00 000/		00.000/		06 00%		26.00%		00.000/		
26 27	Tax Rate		20.00%	20	6.00%	26.00	/0	26.00%		26.00%		26.00%		26.00%		26.00%		26.00%		26.00%		26.00%		26.00%		
27	Opening Balances (After-Tax) - \$000	\$	(21.8)	¢ ((33.3)	\$ (45.	5) ¢	(66.4)	\$	(100.8)	\$	(138.6)	\$	(179.4)	\$	(223.6)	¢	(257.5)	¢	(293.5)	¢	(337.3)	¢	(362.5)		
-	Closing Balances (After Tax) - \$000	\$	· · /		(45.5)					(138.6)	φ \$	(179.4)	φ \$	(223.6)	φ \$		φ \$	(293.5)			φ \$	(362.5)		(380.0)		
25		Ψ	(00.0)	Ψ (.0.0)	ψ (00.	·/ Ψ	(100.0)	Ψ	(100.0)	Ψ	(175.4)	Ψ	(220.0)	Ψ	(207.0)	Ψ	(=00.0)	Ψ	(007.0)	Ψ	(302.3)	Ψ	(000.0)		

Notes: Slight differences in totals due to rounding.

(1*) Purchases include Sales & T-Service UAF quantities, but exclude Company Use Gas quantities.

(2*) 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 STATION NO. 2 INDEX FORECAST FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

Line <u>No</u>	Particulars	Five Day Ave Prices - May 14 21, 1 2014 Q2 Gas	, 15, 1 2014	16, 20, and	Five Day Av Prices - Febru 18, and 2014 Q1 Ga	uary 12 19, 20	2, 13, 14, 14	Change in Forward Prices				
	(1)		(2)			(3)		(4) = (2) - (3)				
1	Station No. 2 Index Prices - \$CDN/GJ (1)											
2	2014 January		\$	3.80	Recorded	\$	3.80		\$	-		
3	February	Ą	\$	6.34	Projected (2*)	\$	6.26		\$	0.08		
4	March		\$	4.69	Forecast	\$	4.82		\$	(0.13)		
5	April	Recorded	\$	4.19	Π	\$	4.37		\$	(0.18)		
6	May	Projected	\$	4.13	ĥ	\$	4.26		\$	(0.13)		
7	June	Forecast	\$	4.14	*	\$	4.26		\$	(0.12)		
8	July		\$	4.04		\$	4.24		\$	(0.20)		
9	August	ĥ	\$	4.03		\$	4.24		\$	(0.21)		
10	September		\$	4.01		\$	4.21		\$	(0.20)		
11	October		\$	4.08		\$	4.27		\$	(0.19)		
12	November		\$	4.26		\$	4.35		\$	(0.09)		
13	December		\$	4.37		\$	4.44	0.70/	\$	(0.08)		
14	Simple Average (Jan, 2014 - Dec, 2014)		<u>\$</u>	4.34		<u>\$</u>	4.46		\$	(0.12)		
15	Simple Average (Apr, 2014 - Mar, 2015)		\$	4.19		\$	4.33	-3.3%	-	(0.14)		
16	Simple Average (Jul, 2014 - Jun, 2015)		\$	4.06		\$	4.10		\$	(0.05)		
17	Simple Average (Oct, 2014 - Sep, 2015)		\$	<u>3.96</u>		\$	<u>3.89</u>	1.7%	\$	0.06		
18	2015 January		\$	4.35		\$	4.50		\$	(0.14)		
19	February		\$	4.33		\$	4.45		\$	(0.12)		
20	March		\$	4.30		\$	4.34		\$	(0.04)		
21	April		\$	3.65		\$	3.46		\$	0.19		
22	May		\$	3.60		\$	3.38		\$	0.22		
23	June		\$	3.64		\$	3.38		\$	0.26		
24	July		\$	3.62		\$	3.38		\$	0.24		
25	August		\$	3.63		\$	3.39		\$	0.24		
26	September		\$	3.64		\$	3.37		\$	0.27		
27 28	October November		\$ \$	3.68 3.80		\$ \$	3.41 3.51		\$ \$	0.27 0.29		
28 29	December		ъ \$	3.80 3.95		ъ \$	3.51		Φ	0.29		
29 30	Simple Average (Jan, 2014 - Dec, 2014)		ъ \$			ъ \$	3.70 3.69	4.4%	Φ	0.25		
				3.85		<u>\$</u> \$		4.4 <i>%</i> 7.3%				
31	Simple Average (Apr, 2014 - Mar, 2015)		\$	3.77		Þ	3.51	7.3%	\$	0.26		
32	Simple Average (Jul, 2014 - Jun, 2015)		\$	3.65								
33	2016 January		\$	4.03		\$	3.75					
34	February		\$	4.01		\$	3.73					
35	March		\$	3.94		\$	3.68					
36	April		\$	3.51								
37	May		\$	3.49								
38	June		\$	3.55								

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

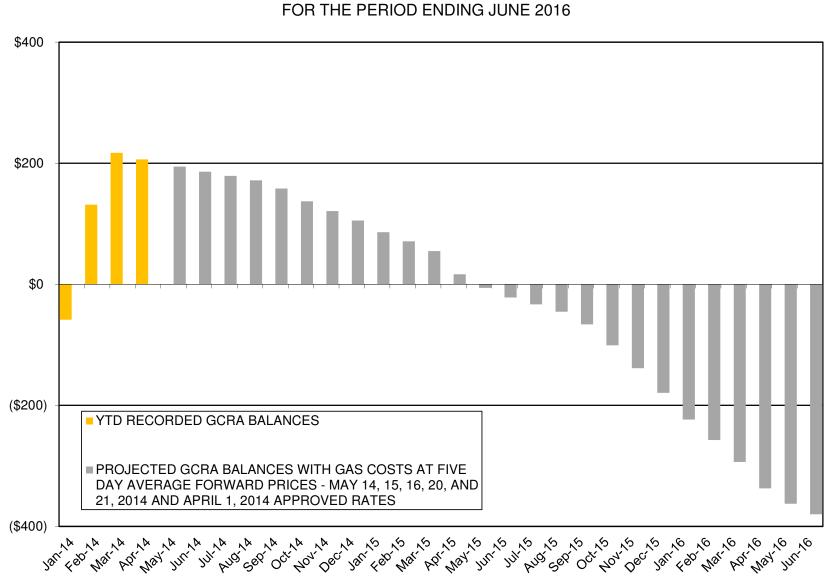
(2) Incorrectly labeled as "Recorded" in the 2014 First Quarter Report.

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA GCRA AFTER TAX BALANCES (\$000) FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2016 AT EXISTING GAS COST RECOVERY RATES

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			2014 Q2 Ga	ost Report	2014 Q1 Gas Cost Report								
			April 1, 2		•	April 1, 2014 Rates							
Line			Five Day Average			Five Day Average Forward Prices -							
No.	Particulars May 14, 15, 16, 20, and 21, 2014					February 12, 13, 14, 18, and 19, 2014							
		(1)		2)	,	(3)	,	, <u>, , </u>					
		()	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	,		()							
1	2014	Jan	Restated	\$	(58.5) ^(A)	Recorded	\$	(128.7)					
2		Feb	Recorded	\$	131.5	Projected	\$	16.9					
3		Mar	Recorded	\$	217.1	1	\$	109.6					
4		Apr	Adjusted	\$	206.3 ^(B)		\$	97.0					
5		May	Projected	\$	194.3	Ĥ	\$ \$ \$	87.7					
6		Jun		\$	186.0	·	\$	81.2					
7		Jul		\$	179.2		\$	76.5					
8		Aug	Ÿ	\$	171.6			71.4					
9		Sep		\$ \$ \$	158.1		\$ \$ \$	61.7					
10		Oct		\$	137.0		\$	46.7					
11		Nov		\$	121.0		\$	36.3					
12		Dec			105.3		\$	27.3					
13	2015	Jan		\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	86.0		* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	19.3					
14		Feb		\$	71.0		\$	11.8					
15		Mar		\$	54.9		\$	0.1					
16		Apr		\$	16.6		\$	(44.7)					
17		May		\$	(6.1)		\$	(71.7)					
18		Jun		\$	(21.8)		\$	(91.3)					
19		Jul		\$	(33.3)		\$	(105.3)					
20		Aug		\$	(45.5)		\$	(120.1)					
21		Sep		\$	(66.4)		\$	(146.2)					
22		Oct		\$	(100.8)		\$	(189.3)					
23		Nov		\$	(138.6)		\$	(240.4)					
24	0010	Dec		\$	(179.4)		\$	(296.4)					
25	2016	Jan Tah		\$	(223.6)		\$	(359.7)					
26 27		Feb		ን ሶ	(257.5)		ф Ф	(408.2)					
27		Mar		ф Ф	(293.5)		Ф	(457.8)					
28		Apr Mov		ф Ф	(337.3)								
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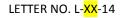
Notes: (A) Restated to correct over accrual of sales in January, 2014. (B) Adjusted to correct under accrual of sales in April, 2014.



FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - FORT NELSON SERVICE AREA GCRA AFTER TAX BALANCES BY MONTH FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 2016

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DRAFT ORDER

Via E-Mail gas.regulatory.affairs@fortisbc.com June <mark>xx</mark>, 2014

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Dear Ms. Roy:

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

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Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. Fort Nelson Service Area 2014 Second Quarter Gas Cost Report

Further to your June 4, 2014 filing of the 2014 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 the gas cost recovery rates remain unchanged at July 1, 2014.

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

Yours truly,

Erica M. Hamilton Commission Secretary