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

Zellstoff Celgar Limited Partnership c/o Sangra Moller LLP 1000 Cathedral Place 925 West Georgia Street Vancouver, BC V6C 3L2

Attention: Mr. Kim C. Moller

Dear Mr. Moller:

Re: FortisBC Inc. (FBC)

Application for Approval of Demand Side Management (DSM) Expenditures for 2015 and 2016 (the Application)

Response to the Zellstoff Celgar Limited Partnership (Celgar) Information Request (IR) No. 1

On August 11, 2014, FBC filed the Application as referenced above. In accordance with Commission Order G-144-14 setting out the Amended Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application, FBC respectfully submits the attached response to Celgar IR No. 1.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC INC.

Original signed:

Dennis Swanson

Attachments

cc: Commission Secretary Registered Parties (e-mail only)



Information Request (IR) No. 1

| 1 2 | 1.0 | Refere | ence: July 24, 2014 Announcement of Energy-efficiency investments to reduce costs for pulp and paper producers | |
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| 3 4 5 | | 1.1 | Please file the July 24, 2014 press release, and confirm that FortisBC had no knowledge of this announcement at the time of the Commission workshop? | |
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| 7 8 | This information request is identical to that posed in ICG IR 1.4.1. Please refer to the response to ICG IR 1.4.1. | | | |
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| 11 12 13 14 | | 1.2 | Please confirm that the Minister and BC Hydro announced a new Power Smart program that will reduce electricity costs for pulp and paper producers in BC. | |
| 15 | <u>Respo</u> | onse: | | |
| 16 17 | This information request is identical to that posed in ICG IR 1.4.2. Please refer to the response to ICG IR 1.4.2. | | | |
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| 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 | Poor | 1.3 | Please comment on whether FortisBC is willing to design a new Power Smart program that will reduce electricity costs for pulp and power producers in its service area. If so, please provide details of when such a new Power Smart program will be announced? | |
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| 27 28 | This information request is identical to that posed in ICG IR 1.4.3. Please refer to the response to ICG IR 1.4.3. | | | |
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1.4 Please comment on whether FortisBC is willing to enter a consultation process with its pulp producer with the objective of a new Power Smart program that will reduce electricity costs for pulp producers in its service area?

5 Response:

- 6 This information request is identical to that posed in ICG IR 1.4.4. Please refer to the response 7 to ICG IR 1.4.4.
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- 1.5 Please confirm that FortisBC currently has suspended the eligibility of its only pulp customer to all DSM programs.

13 14 Response:

- 15 This information request is identical to that posed in ICG IR 1.4.5. Please refer to the response 16 to BCUC IR 1.7.7.2 for a discussion of the current status of Celgar with respect to DSM.
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- 20 1.6 Please comment on whether FortisBC is willing to design a new DSM program 21 for its pulp customer that provides a financial incentive of up to 75% of the project 22 cost to support investments in more energy efficient equipment?

23 24 Response:

- 25 This information request is identical to that posed in ICG IR 1.4.6. Please refer to the response 26 to ICG IR 1.4.3.
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- Please confirm that FortisBC has announced an expansion of energy-efficiency 30 1.7 31 programs to those on low-income, but has no plans to expand energy-efficiency 32 programs for industrial customers.
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| 6 7 8 9 10 | 1.8 | Please confirm that BC Hydro is currently planning on expanding energy- efficiency programs for its industrial customers. | |
| 10 | <u>Response:</u> | | |
| 11 12 | This information request is identical to that posed in ICG IR 1.4.8. Please refer to the response to ICG IR 1.4.8. | | |
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| 15 16 17 18 | 1.9 | Please comment on whether FortisBC believes that it has worked closely with its pulp customer to find collaborative ways to reduce its electricity costs? | |
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| 20 21 | This information request is identical to that posed in ICG IR 1.4.11. Please refer to the response to ICG IR 1.4.11. | | |
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| 24 25 26 27 | 1.10 | Please comment on whether FBC considers customers that have invested in self-generation to be eligible for DSM programs? | |
| 28 | Response: | | |
| 29 30 | Please refer to the response to BCUC IR 1.7.7.2 for a discussion of the current status of Celga with respect to DSM. | | |
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- 1.11 If so, please identify comment on any program design considerations that are unique to self-generators relative to other customers in the same sector?
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5 **Response:**

6 Please refer to the response to Celgar IR 1.1.10 which refers to FBC's response to BCUC IR 7 1.7.7.2.

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- 1.12 Please identify where such design considerations may be found in RS 90 or have otherwise been approved by the Commission? 12
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14 Response:

15 Please refer to the response to Celgar IR 1.1.10 which refers to FBC's response to BCUC IR 16 1.7.7.2.