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March 2, 2016

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

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

Attention: Ms. Laurel Ross, Acting Commission Secretary

Dear Ms. Ross:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. – Revelstoke Service Area

2016 First Quarter Gas Cost Report

FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI or the Company) hereby submits to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) the 2016 First 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 February 24, 2016 forward prices.

The schedule at Tab 1, Page 1, based on the February 24, 2016 forward prices, using the NYMEX B0 – Mt. Belvieu Propane Swap prices, and based on the current rates, the projected deferral account balance at March 31, 2016 is \$227,413 surplus (after tax), and the forecast balance at March 31, 2017 is \$121,895 deficit (after tax). The rate change trigger ratio is calculated to be 84.9%, 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 \$0.887/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.

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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. 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 \$0.1226/litre to \$0.1444/litre which corresponds to a rate increase of \$0.887/GJ, effective April 1, 2016. As a result, the annual bill for a typical Revelstoke residential customer with an average annual consumption of 50 GJ per year will increase by approximately \$44 or 6.9%.

The Company will continue to monitor the forward prices and will report these results in the 2016 Second 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:

Diane Roy

Attachments

Page 1

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE PROPANE COST DEFERRAL ACCOUNT

WITH EXISTING PROPANE REFERENCE PRICE

(FEBRUARY 24, 2016 FORWARD PRICES BASED ON NYMEX MT. BELVIEU PROPANE SWAP PRICES)

Line		Sales Volumes	Average Price	Approved Reference	Amount Deferred	Amount	Pre-Tax Deferral	After Tax Deferral
No.	Particulars	In Litre	Per Litre	Price	Per Litre	Deferred	Balance	Balance
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)=(3)-(4)	(6)=(2)*(5)	(7)	(8)
1	January 2016 Balance (Recorded)						(\$388,904)	(\$287,789)
2	February (Projected)	1,072,634	\$0.1600	\$0.1226	\$0.0374	\$40,155	(\$348,749)	(\$258,074)
3	March (Projected)	947,839	\$0.1663	\$0.1226	\$0.0437	\$41,434	(\$307,315)	(\$227,413)
4	Current Quarter Total	2,020,474				\$81,589		
5								
6	Forecast Volumes and Forecast Prices							
7	April, 2016 (Forecast)	595,491	\$0.1319	\$0.1226	\$0.0093	\$5,538	(\$301,777)	(\$223,315)
8	May (Forecast)	342,111	\$0.1369	\$0.1226	\$0.0143	\$4,892	(\$296,885)	(\$219,695)
9	June (Forecast)	211,573	\$0.1430	\$0.1226	\$0.0204	\$4,316	(\$292,569)	(\$216,501)
10	July (Forecast)	226,303	\$0.1482	\$0.1226	\$0.0256	\$5,793	(\$286,776)	(\$212,214)
11	August (Forecast)	252,168	\$0.1535	\$0.1226	\$0.0309	\$7,792	(\$278,984)	(\$206,448)
12	September (Forecast)	288,544	\$0.1650	\$0.1226	\$0.0424	\$12,234	(\$266,750)	(\$197,395)
13	October (Forecast)	566,461	\$0.1770	\$0.1226	\$0.0544	\$30,815	(\$235,935)	(\$174,592)
14	November (Forecast)	814,214	\$0.1941	\$0.1226	\$0.0715	\$58,216	(\$177,719)	(\$131,512)
15	December (Forecast)	1,118,231	\$0.2110	\$0.1226	\$0.0884	\$98,852	(\$78,867)	(\$58,362)
16	January, 2017 (Forecast)	1,187,310	\$0.2105	\$0.1226	\$0.0879	\$104,365	\$25,498	\$18,868
17 18	February (Forecast) March (Forecast)	1,033,836 913,066	\$0.2041 \$0.1828	\$0.1226 \$0.1226	\$0.0815 \$0.0602	\$84,258 \$54,967	\$109,756 \$164,723	\$81,219 \$121,895
19	Total April, 2016 to March, 2017	7,549,308	φυ.1626	φυ.1220	φυ.υου2	\$472,038	\$104,723	\$121,093
20	10tal April, 2010 to March, 2017	7,545,500				Ψ+72,000		
21								
22	Forecast Recovered Costs [(Line 20 Col	. 2) x (Line 19 Col. 4)]			\$925,545	04.00/		
23	March 31, 2016 Deferral Balance (Line 4 Col. 7) + Foreca	st Costs (Page 2 Line 1	3 Col. 9)	_ =	\$1,090,344	84.9%		
24								
25								
26	April, 2017 Balance (Forecast)	582,715	\$0.1519	\$0.1226	\$0.0293	\$17,074	\$181,797	\$134,530
27	May (Forecast)	329,061	\$0.1430	\$0.1226	\$0.0204	\$6,713	\$188,510	\$139,497
28	June (Forecast)	202,313	\$0.1430	\$0.1226	\$0.0204	\$4,127	\$192,637	\$142,551
29	July (Forecast)	216,418	\$0.1503	\$0.1226	\$0.0277	\$5,995	\$198,632	\$146,988
30	August (Forecast)	240,525	\$0.1543	\$0.1226	\$0.0317	\$7,625	\$206,257	\$152,630
31	September (Forecast)	276,080	\$0.1641	\$0.1226	\$0.0415	\$11,457	\$217,714	\$161,108
32	October (Forecast)	542,940	\$0.1749	\$0.1226	\$0.0523	\$28,396	\$246,110	\$182,121
33	November (Forecast)	782,723	\$0.1909	\$0.1226	\$0.0683	\$53,460	\$299,570	\$221,682
34	December (Forecast)	1,076,073	\$0.2069	\$0.1226	\$0.0843	\$90,713	\$390,283	\$288,809
35	January, 2018 (Forecast)	1,138,079	\$0.2039	\$0.1226	\$0.0813	\$92,526	\$482,809	\$357,279
36	February (Forecast)	990,154	\$0.1985	\$0.1226	\$0.0759	\$75,153	\$557,962	\$412,892
37	March (Forecast)	873,330	\$0.1796	\$0.1226	\$0.0570	\$49,780	\$607,742	\$449,729
38	Total April, 2017 to March, 2018	7,250,410	ψ0.1700	ψ0.1 220	ψ0.007.0	\$443,019	Ψοστ,τ 1Ε	ψ.10,720
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FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE PROPANE COST DEFERRAL ACCOUNT FORECAST AVERAGE COST OF PROPANE

(FEBRUARY 24, 2016 FORWARD PRICES BASED ON NYMEX MT. BELVIEU PROPANE SWAP PRICES)

Line	-	Sales Volume	Fixed Volume	Variable Volume		Fixed Variable Price (A) Price (A)		Price (A)	Fixed Charges		Variable Charges			Total
No.	Particulars	(Litres)	(Litres)	(Litres)	((\$/litre)		(\$/litre)		(\$)	_	(\$)		(\$)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)
1	April, 2016 (Forecast)	595,491	-	595,491	\$	-	\$	0.1319	\$	-	\$	78,531	\$	78,531
2	May (Forecast)	342,111	-	342,111	\$	-	\$	0.1369	\$	-	\$	46,825	\$	46,825
3	June (Forecast)	211,573	-	211,573	\$	-	\$	0.1430	\$	-	\$	30,260	\$	30,260
4	July (Forecast)	226,303	-	226,303	\$	-	\$	0.1482	\$	-	\$	33,538	\$	33,538
5	August (Forecast)	252,168	-	252,168	\$	-	\$	0.1535	\$	-	\$	38,719	\$	38,719
6	September (Forecast)	288,544	-	288,544	\$	-	\$	0.1650	\$	-	\$	47,614	\$	47,614
7	October (Forecast)	566,461	-	566,461	\$	-	\$	0.1770	\$	-	\$	100,278	\$	100,278
8	November (Forecast)	814,214	-	814,214	\$	-	\$	0.1941	\$	-	\$	158,042	\$	158,042
9	December (Forecast)	1,118,231		1,118,231	\$	-	\$	0.2110	\$	-	\$	235,988	\$	235,988
10	January, 2017 (Forecast)	1,187,310	-	1,187,310	\$	-	\$	0.2105	\$	-	\$	249,965	\$	249,965
11	February (Forecast)	1,033,836	-	1,033,836	\$	-	\$	0.2041	\$	-	\$	210,996	\$	210,996
12	March (Forecast)	913,066	-	913,066	\$	-	\$	0.1828	\$	-	\$	166,903	\$	166,903
13	Total April, 2016 to March, 2017	7,549,308		7,549,308					\$		\$	1,397,659	\$	1,397,659
14	_				-									
15	Forecast Average Cost of Propane (\$/I	Litre) ^{(B), (C)}												
16		7,549,308	Litres										\$	0.1851
17	Forecast Average Cost of Propane (\$/0	,												
18	(Conversion factor 1 Litre = 0.025594 GJ)	193,217	GJs										\$	7.234
19														
20	,	582,715		582,715		-	\$	0.1519	\$	-	\$	88,510	\$	88,510
21	,	329,061	•	329,061		-	\$	0.1430	\$	-	\$	47,068	\$	47,068
22 23	,	202,313 216,418	-	202,313 216,418		-	\$ \$	0.1430 0.1503	\$ \$	-	\$ \$	28,931 32,520	\$ \$	28,931 32,520
23	,	240,525		240,525		-	φ \$	0.1503	\$	-	\$	37,116	φ \$	37,116
	September (Forecast)	276,080	_	276,080		_	\$	0.1641	\$	_	\$	45,307	\$	45,307
	October (Forecast)	542,940				_	\$	0.1749	\$	_	\$	94,969	\$	94,969
27	,	782,723	-	782,723		_	\$	0.1909	\$	_	\$	149,442		149,442
28	,	1,076,073				-	\$	0.2069	\$	_	\$	222,680	\$	222,680
29	,	1,138,079	-	1,138,079		-	\$	0.2039	\$	-	\$	232,015	\$	232,015
30	February (Forecast)	990,154	-	990,154	\$	-	\$	0.1985	\$	-	\$	196,526	\$	196,526
31	March (Forecast)	873,330		873,330	\$	-	\$	0.1796	\$		\$	156,829	\$	156,829
32	Total April, 2017 to March, 2018	7,250,410		7,250,410					\$	-	\$	1,331,914	\$	1,331,914

Notes: (A) Includes transportation costs.

 $⁽B) \ \ \text{Forecast average cost of propane excludes company use, vaporizer use, and unaccounted for gas.}$

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

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

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE PROPANE COST DEFERRAL ACCOUNT

CALCULATION OF PROPANE COST DECREASE FLOWTHROUGH

(FEBRUARY 24, 2016 FORWARD PRICES BASED ON NYMEX MT. BELVIEU PROPANE SWAP PRICES)

Line No.		Particulars		\$/Litre	\$/GJ				
		(1)							
1	Calculation of New Propane Reference F	rice		(2)					
2					Per GJ shown				
3	i. Forecast Average Cost of Propane	(Tab 1, Page 2, Col. 9, Line 16 and Line	18)		for info only				
4	April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017			\$0.1851	\$7.234				
5									
6	ii. Twelve Month Amortization of	\$\(\)(307,315) (Deferral Balance, Tab 1,	•	'					
7	Projected Deferral Account Balance	7,549,308 (Volume in Litres, Tab 1,	Page 1, Col. 2, Li	ne 19) (\$0.0407)	(\$1.591)				
8									
9	Proposed Reference Price			\$0.1444	\$5.643				
10									
11	Eviation Duagona Defendana Drive			#0.1000	#4.700				
12	Existing Propane Reference Price	n.		\$0.1226	\$4.790				
13 14	(Conversion factor 1 Litre = 0.025594 G	")							
15									
16	Increase in Propane Reference Price to b	e Flowed Through in Customers' Rates		\$0.0218	\$0.852				
17		Ŭ			*****				
18	Add: Company Use/Vaporizer Use/Unac	(A) Counted For Gas Adjustment of 4 18%			\$0.035				
19	That company coo, vaponzor coo, chac	obamba i di dab i ajabimoni di 1.1070			Ψ0.000				
20	Total Propane Cost Flowthrough (B)				\$0.887				
21	(Conversion factor 1 Litre = 0.025594 G	J)							
22									
23									
24									
25									
26	Note: (A) The Company Use/Vaporizer U	se/Unaccounted For Gas Adjustment of			ta.				
27			_	Percentage					
28	Sales		8,171,599						
29	Componentia		0.575	0.000/					
30	Company Use		2,575	0.03%					
31 32	Propane Used for V Unaccounted For	aponzer	115,647 222,775	1.42% 2.73%					
32 33	Total Fuel / UAF Requirem	ent	340,997	4.18%					
34	Total Fuel / OAL Hequirem	<u> </u>	340,997	4.1076					
35	Note: (B) Breakdown of Rate Change:								
-		Mar 21 2016			(\$1.591)				
36	Projected Deferral Balance at M	//ai 31. 2010							
36 37	Projected Deferral Balance at N Propane Cost Under (Over) Re	nar 31, 2016 covery (including amount at Line 18) for	Apr 1, 2016 to	Mar 31, 2017 period	\$2.478				

FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE PROPANE COST DEFERRAL ACCOUNT

WITH PROPOSED REFERENCE PRICE APRIL 1, 2016

(FEBRUARY 24, 2016 FORWARD PRICES BASED ON NYMEX MT. BELVIEU PROPANE SWAP PRICES)

			. 5:	Approved	.5.		Pre-Tax	After Tax
Line	Doutioulovo	Volumes	Average Price	Reference	Amount Deferred	Amount	Deferral	Deferral
No.	Particulars	In Litre	Per Litre (3)	Price	Per Litre	Deferred	Balance	Balance
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)=(3)-(4)	(6)=(2)*(5)	(7)	(8)
1	January 2016 Balance (Recorded)						(\$388,904)	(\$287,789)
2	February (Projected)	1,072,634	\$0.1600	\$0.1226	\$0.0374	\$40,155	(\$348,749)	(\$258,074)
3	March (Projected)	947,839	\$0.1663	\$0.1226	\$0.0437	\$41,434	(\$307,315)	(\$227,413)
4	Current Quarter Total	2,020,474				\$81,589		
5				Proposed				
6				Reference				
7				Price				
8	Forecast Volumes and Forecast Prices							
9	April, 2016 (Forecast)	595,491	\$0.1319	\$0.1444	(\$0.0125)	(\$7,444)	(\$314,759)	(\$232,922)
10	May (Forecast)	342,111	\$0.1369	\$0.1444	(\$0.0075)	(\$2,566)	(\$317,325)	(\$234,821)
11	June (Forecast)	211,573	\$0.1430	\$0.1444	(\$0.0014)	(\$296)	(\$317,621)	(\$235,040)
12	July (Forecast)	226,303	\$0.1482	\$0.1444	\$0.0038	\$860	(\$316,761)	(\$234,403)
13	August (Forecast)	252,168	\$0.1535	\$0.1444	\$0.0091	\$2,295	(\$314,466)	(\$232,705)
14	September (Forecast)	288,544	\$0.1650	\$0.1444	\$0.0206	\$5,944	(\$308,522)	(\$228,306)
15	October (Forecast)	566,461	\$0.1770	\$0.1444	\$0.0326	\$18,467	(\$290,055)	(\$214,641)
16	November (Forecast)	814,214	\$0.1941	\$0.1444	\$0.0497	\$40,466	(\$249,589)	(\$184,696)
17	December (Forecast)	1,118,231	\$0.2110	\$0.1444	\$0.0666	\$74,474	(\$175,115)	(\$129,585)
18	January, 2017 (Forecast)	1,187,310	\$0.2105	\$0.1444	\$0.0661	\$78,481	(\$96,634)	(\$71,509)
19	February (Forecast)	1,033,836	\$0.2041	\$0.1444	\$0.0597	\$61,720	(\$34,914)	(\$25,836)
20	March (Forecast)	913,066	\$0.1828	\$0.1444	\$0.0384	\$35,062	\$148	\$109
21	Total April, 2016 to March, 2017	7,549,308				\$307,463		
22 23								
24	April, 2017 Balance (Forecast)	582,715	\$0.1519	\$0.1444	\$0.0075	\$4,370	\$4,518	\$3,343
25	May (Forecast)	329,061	\$0.1430	\$0.1444	(\$0.0014)	(\$461)	\$4,057	\$3,002
26	June (Forecast)	202,313	\$0.1430	\$0.1444	(\$0.0014)	(\$283)	\$3,774	\$2,793
27	July (Forecast)	216,418	\$0.1503	\$0.1444	\$0.0059	\$1,277	\$5,051	\$3,738
28	August (Forecast)	240,525	\$0.1543	\$0.1444	\$0.0099	\$2,381	\$7,432	\$5,500
29	September (Forecast)	276,080	\$0.1641	\$0.1444	\$0.0197	\$5,439	\$12,871	\$9,524
30	October (Forecast)	542,940	\$0.1749	\$0.1444	\$0.0305	\$16,560	\$29,431	\$21,779
31	November (Forecast)	782,723	\$0.1909	\$0.1444	\$0.0465	\$36,397	\$65,828	\$48,713
32	December (Forecast)	1,076,073	\$0.2069	\$0.1444	\$0.0625	\$67,255	\$133,083	\$98,481
33	January, 2018 (Forecast)	1,138,079	\$0.2039	\$0.1444	\$0.0595	\$67,716	\$200,799	\$148,591
34	February (Forecast)	990,154	\$0.1985	\$0.1444	\$0.0541	\$53,567	\$254,366	\$188,231
35	March (Forecast)	873,330	\$0.1796	\$0.1444	\$0.0352	\$30,741	\$285,107	\$210,979
36	Total April, 2017 to March, 2018	7,250,410		•		\$284,959		. , -
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FORTISBC ENERGY INC. - REVELSTOKE APRIL 1, 2016 PROPOSED PROPANE COST INCREASE TYPICAL ANNUAL CONSUMPTION

(FEBRUARY 24, 2016 FORWARD PRICES BASED ON NYMEX MT. BELVIEU PROPANE SWAP PRICES)

			Rate	1 - Resider	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	
		i					i				1					ı	
	REVELSTOKE PROPANE																
2 3	- INLAND SERVICE AREA																
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4 1	Existing:																
5	D. II																
6	Delivery Margin Related Charges				****					****					4. 500 00		
/	Basic Charge per Day		days	\$0.3890	\$142.08			days	\$0.8161	\$298.08		365.25		\$4.3538	\$1,590.23		
8	Delivery Margin Related Charge (incl. riders)	50.0	GJ	\$4.018	\$200.90		250.0	GJ	\$3.331	\$832.75		4,500.0	GJ	\$2.809	\$12,640.50		
9																	
10	Cost of Gas (Commodity Related Charges)																
11	Cost of Gas Recovery Related Charges	50.0	GJ	\$5.998	\$299.90		250.0	GJ	\$4.907	\$1,226.75		4,500.0	GJ	\$4.907	\$22,081.50		
12																	
13	Typical Annual Bill at Current Rates (excluding																
14	any applicable Taxes)	50.0	GJ		\$642.88		250.0	GJ		\$2,357.58		4,500.0	GJ		\$36,312.23		
15_																	
16																	
17 I	Proposed Changes Apr 1, 2016:																
18																	
19	Delivery Margin Related Charge ¹			\$0.000	\$0.00	0.0%			\$0.000	\$0.00	0.0%			\$0.000	\$0.00	0.0%	
20	Cost of Gas Recovery Related Charge			\$0.887	\$44.35	6.9%			\$0.887	\$221.75	9.4%			\$0.887	\$3,991.50	11.0%	
21	Total Charges			\$0.887	\$44.35	6.9%			\$0.887	\$221.75	9.4%			\$0.887	\$3,991.50	11.0%	
22	Total onalgoo			φυ.συ	ψ11.00	0.070			φυ.συ	ΨΕΕΙΙΙΟ	0.170			φο.σσ1	φο,σσ1.σσ	11.070	
	Typical Annual Bill after Proposed Rates (excluding																
24	any applicable Taxes)				\$687.23	6.9%				\$2,579.33	9.4%				\$40,303.73	11.0%	
24	any applicable rakes)	I			ψυστ.23	0.9 /0	l			ΨΕ,379.33	3.4 /0				ψ+υ,303.73	11.0/6	

Note: 1. Based on FEI's delivery rate effective March 1, 2016.



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ORDER NUMBER G-xx-xx

IN THE MATTER OF the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

Application regarding its 2016 First Quarter Gas Cost Report

And Rate Changes effective April 1, 2016

For Revelstoke Service Areas

BEFORE:

Panel Chair/Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

on Date

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By Order No. G-145-15 dated September 10, 2015, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved the propane rates for the FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) Revelstoke service area (Revelstoke) effective October 1, 2015;
- B. On March 2, 2016, FEI filed its 2016 First Quarter Gas Cost Report for Revelstoke (the 2016 First Quarter Report);
- C. Using a propane price forecast based on February 24, 2016 NMYEX B0 Mt. Belvieu propane swap prices, and based on the existing rates, the projected after tax deferral balance at March 31, 2016 of \$227,413 surplus is forecast to change to \$121,895 deficit at March 31, 2017. The rate change trigger mechanism is calculated to be 84.9 percent which falls outside the deadband range of 95 percent to 105 percent. The proposed rate increase is calculated to be \$0.887/GJ, which falls outside the threshold;
- D. In the 2016 First Quarter Report, FEI indicates that current propane cost recovery rates will under recover costs and a propane rate increase is required, effective April 1, 2016;
- E. The proposed Gas Cost Recovery Charge requested within the 2016 First Quarter Report would be equivalent to an increase of approximately \$44 or 6.9 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 2016 First 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 \$0.0218 per litre, from the existing propane reference price of \$0.1226 per litre to \$0.1444 per litre, which corresponds to an increase of \$0.887 per gigajoule in customer rates, effective April 1, 2016.
- 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 2016 First Quarter Report confidential.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this (XX) day of (March 2016).

BY ORDER

(X. X. last name) Commissioner