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April 28, 2016

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

Attention: Ms. Laurel Ross, Acting Commission Secretary and Director

Dear Ms. Ross:

Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI)

Project No. 3698850

Application for Approval of Biomethane Energy Recovery Charge (BERC) Rate Methodology (the Application)

Response to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or the Commission) Exhibit A-9

FEI writes in response to the Commission's letter dated April 22, 2016 (Exhibit A-9), in which the Commission advised that it is considering whether requiring a floor price for each of the two proposed BERC rate offerings is appropriate and whether a ceiling price for one of the offerings is appropriate. The Commission requested that FEI and registered interveners notify the Commission by Thursday, April 28, 2016, if they wish to file evidence in regard to the appropriateness and nature of price floors and ceilings. The Commission indicated that it expects to proceed to supplemental argument if no parties wish to file evidence.

FEI advises that it does not wish to file evidence in regard to the appropriateness and nature of price floors and ceilings. In FEI's view, there is sufficient evidence on the record to address the appropriateness and nature of price floors and ceilings in the expected supplemental argument.

FEI also advises that it is opposed to the filing of any further evidence in this proceeding on the basis that further evidence is unnecessary and would unduly lengthen the proceeding which has already extended for eight months. FEI filed its reply submission after the conclusion of the Streamlined Review Process two months ago, and had been expecting that a Commission decision would be received shortly so that it could move forward with negotiations with long term customers. If any interveners indicate a wish to file further



evidence, FEI will review the nature of the evidence they wish to file and may object on grounds as may be appropriate. If the Commission nonetheless determines that further evidence may be filed, FEI requests the opportunity to pose information requests and file rebuttal evidence if necessary.

Assuming no further evidence is filed, FEI believes that submissions should be able to be prepared in relatively short time frames given the narrow focus of the issues at hand. FEI proposes the following timetable for supplemental submissions.

ACTION	DATE (2016)
FEI Final Supplemental Submission	Monday, May 9
Intervener Final Supplemental Submission	Friday, May 13
FEI Reply Supplemental Submission	Wednesday, May 18

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

## FORTISBC ENERGY INC.

## Original signed:

Diane Roy

cc (email only): Registered Parties