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British Columbia Utilities Commission  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 900 Howe Street  
Vancouver, BC  
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Attention: Ms. Laurel Ross, Acting Commission Secretary and Director

Dear Ms. Ross:

**Re: FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI or the Company)**  
**Project No. 3698874**  
**Customer Choice Program Cost Recovery Application (the Application)**  
**FEI Submission on Confidential Material**

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On June 7, 2016, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) issued Exhibit A-4 in the above referenced proceeding, seeking submissions from FEI, registered interveners and all gas marketers licensed under the Customer Choice program on the treatment of confidential Appendix D and Section 5.6 of the Application (the Confidential Material).

FEI makes the following submissions as requested by answering each of the five questions asked by the Commission:

**1. Whether Access Gas should be provided with the requested Confidential Material with the names of Gas Marketers redacted, other than Access Gas' name.**

Historically, in order to maintain integrity of the Customer Choice Program, FEI has kept the Gas Marketers' market share information confidential, including the names of the Gas Marketers. For this reason, FEI followed the same practice in the preparation of this Application, to ensure that the certain information remained confidential and would not be ascertained by third parties. Other than maintaining integrity of the Customer Choice Program, the Company is not aware of any stated or published requirement for FEI to keep such market share information confidential.

FEI agrees with the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Active Support Against Poverty, Disability Alliance BC, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, Together Against Poverty Society, and the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre *et al.* (BCOAPO) position in their June 16, 2016 letter to the Commission, that "[t]he provision of anonymized information to competitors may result in an advantage or disadvantage to some gas marketers" and that "the gas marketers are in a better position to comment on this likely advantage/disadvantage...". Thus, once the Commission has made a determination based

on the submissions from the Gas Marketers, FEI will comply with the Commission's directions in this regard.

**2. Whether Just Energy should be provided with the requested Confidential Material with the names of gas marketers redacted, other than Just Energy's name.**

Please refer to FEI's response to question 1 above.

**3. Whether BCOAPO should be provided with the requested Confidential Material with no information redacted.**

FEI understands the BCOAPO has modified their request for the Confidential Material. In their recent June 16, 2016 letter to the Commission, the BCOAPO indicates that it "...does not object to having the names of the gas marketers redacted in the information provided...".

FEI believes that the modified approach is reasonable.

**4. Whether the Commission should hold only gas marketer names confidential in both Section 5.6 and Appendix D of the Application.**

Please refer to FEI's response to question 1 above.

**5. Whether the company names can be redacted to Company A, Company B, Company C, etc. rather than blocked out.**

Please refer to FEI's response to question 1 above.

The Commission will be making a determination on how to handle the Confidential Information based on the submissions from the parties and their assessment of any potential for harm. FEI believes that, if the Commission determines that replacing all Gas Marketer names with Company A, B, C, etc., is appropriate, this could facilitate the Streamlined Review Process. FEI requests that the Commission identify whether such anonymous information, if so decided, be filed publicly on the record of the proceeding or only be available to registered parties upon signing of an Undertaking of Confidentiality.

If further information is required, please contact Scott Webb, Manager Customer Programs and Research at 604-592-7649.

Sincerely,

**FORTISBC ENERGY INC.**

***Original signed:***

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