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British Columbia Utilities Commission Suite 410, 900 Howe Street Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Attention: Mr. Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary and Manager, Regulatory Support

Dear Mr. Wruck:

Re: FortisBC Inc. (FBC)

Project No. 3698896

2016 Long Term Electric Resource Plan (LTERP) and Long Term Demand Side

Management Plan (LT DSM Plan)

Proposed Regulatory Timetable

On November 30, 2017, FBC filed the LTERP and LT DSM Plan referenced above. On August 25, 2017 FBC advised the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) that it intends to file Errata to the LTERP and LT DSM Plan as a result of certain errors in the assumptions supporting the British Columbia Conservation Potential Review (CPR) for the FBC service territory (Appendix A to the LT DSM Plan), and applied to the Commission to suspend the regulatory timetable. By Order G-134-17 the Commission suspended the Regulatory Timetable for the 2016 LTERP and LT DSM Plan until further notice.

FBC has now evaluated the impact of the errors in respect of the CPR report. The Errata, which FBC intends to file on or before September 15, 2017, will include a revised BC CPR Report in addition to corrections to the LTERP and LT DSM Plan, as filed. FBC has also reviewed the responses to Information Requests (IRs) it has filed to date and will file corrected responses to the IRs that are impacted by the errors.

Overall, the corrections to the CRP assumptions result in a reduction to the DSM Scenario costs, and accordingly reductions to the Long Run Marginal Cost (LRMC) of most of the resource portfolios evaluated for the LTERP. The LRMC for the purposes of evaluating cost effective DSM has not changed. The changes to the DSM Scenario costs and the portfolio LRMCs are of a relatively small magnitude and do not change the DSM Scenario that FBC selected, its preferred resource portfolio or their timing.

FBC proposes that the Regulatory Timetable be amended to permit interveners to review the Errata and to comment on whether further process is required before proceeding to the Final



Argument stage of the proceeding. As noted, the impact of the changes to the DSM Scenario costs is relatively small and does not materially affect the outcomes of the LTERP and LT DSM Plan.FBC believes that following this review of the Errata it will be appropriate to proceed to Final Argument. The following timeline is proposed.

ACTION	DATE (2017)	
FBC Files Errata	on or before Friday, September 15	
Intervener Comments on Further Process	Wednesday, September 27	
Commission Issues Regulatory Timetable	Friday, October 6	
	No Further Process	If Further Process
		tbd
FBC Written Final Argument	Friday, October 13	
Intervener Written Final Arguments	Friday, October 27	
FBC Written Reply Argument	Friday, November 10	

If further information is required, please contact Joyce Martin at 250-368-0319.

Sincerely,

FORTISBC INC.

Original signed:

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cc (email only): Registered Parties