

**Intervention By AMCS/RDOS
In The 2017 Fortis Electricity Rate Design Application**

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BCUC Procedural Conference

On March 6th, BCUC held a Procedural Conference in Kelowna that was attended by Nick Marty and David Bursey (our Legal Counsel). The intent of the Conference was to determine the regulatory process and timetable. Fortis, in its application, had proposed a process that would allow for only limited intervener involvement – two information requests and then the submission of final argument.

At the Conference, Fortis tabled a revised “regulatory timetable” that would also allow for Intervener Evidence and for Fortis Rebuttal Evidence. Fortis' proposal, however, was still for an entirely written process with no oral hearings.

AMCS/RDOS informed the BCUC panel that we would be submitting evidence concerning residential rate design and requested an oral hearing to present this evidence and to cross-examine Fortis on their evidence. Several other interveners also requested an oral hearing. Fortis continued to argue against an oral hearing while suggesting that there could be a Second Procedural Conference after intervener evidence had been submitted to revisit such a decision.

The BCUC panel will consider the arguments and, in the next week or so, issue their decision concerning the rest of the regulatory timetable. In the meantime, Nick Marty will be preparing the first Information Request of Fortis to be submitted by March 29. A full transcript of the Procedural Conference has been posted on BCUC's website.