



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council | Chair and Board

**FROM:** Chair Joe Stanhope, President

**DATE:** June 5, 2012

**RE:** REMINDER – Letters of Support to BCUC for FortisBC’s  
Common Rates, Amalgamation and Rate Design Application

During my presentation to members at the 2012 Convention in Ucluelet, I spoke of the importance of supporting Fortis BC’s application currently before the BC Utilities Commission. At that time, Fortis BC was requesting written support from members by mid-May. Thank you to those that have already responded to that request. However, in follow-up with Carol Greaves, Community Relations Manager with Fortis BC, she advises that more letters are needed.

For those that have not yet been able to do so, I would respectfully seek your local government’s assistance in forwarding your letter of support as soon as possible. Attached is AVICC’s letter which may be helpful in drafting your own letter. Letters can be forwarded by email to [Carol.Greaves@fortisbc.com](mailto:Carol.Greaves@fortisbc.com) so that they may be included when Fortis BC updates the application filing.

Thank you for assisting in this regard.



March 29, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of those municipalities within the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Association (AVICC) who are served by the Vancouver Island Gas Pipeline, may I state AVICC's very strong support for the Common Rates, Amalgamation and Rate Design Application currently being undertaken by FortisBC.

This initiative is required in order to improve competitiveness, efficiency, fairness and environmental friendliness for businesses, communities and municipal taxpayers within Southern Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast. The Common Rates, Amalgamation and Rate Design Application is seen by AVICC as a critical component in a comprehensive process which is underway by various participants to address longstanding concerns about operating issues and local costs associated with the Vancouver Island Gas Pipeline Project.

AVICC is actively working on various measures which require the Common Rates initiative to proceed. In order to implement these, we urge the Common Rates, Amalgamation and Rate Design Application approval by all pertinent authorities.

Yours truly,

Joe Stanhope  
President

cc: AVICC Executive  
Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Energy and Mines