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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL (mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca)

Mayor Gregor Robertson & Council
City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Energy Efficiency Updates to Vancouver's Building Bylaw and Related Additional Changes

I am writing regarding the updates to Vancouver's Building Bylaw being proposed for multi-family buildings less than seven storeys, as well as the Green Policy for Rezonings.

FortisBC is encouraged that the City has taken greater steps to consult with stakeholders and to allow energy choice options for builders and consumers. Additionally, we are pleased that the most recent bylaw focusses on energy efficiency, rather than fuel choice. However, we continue to see challenges that will impact the affordability of energy in Vancouver.

Staffs' proposals to council are taking place in a piecemeal fashion. As a result, the net impact of all these policies combined is not clear. Our analysis indicates that together, these policies will add costs to builders and energy consumers and restrict access to natural gas.

Further, the data used to achieve staffs' projected savings has not been shared. Our team of analysts has not been able to replicate the City's numbers. Our data shows that the savings are overstated, and the capital costs of these policies are understated.

Our customers want natural gas. It is a clean, affordable home heating choice. In fact, residential customers have saved \$30- to \$40-million combined in December alone by using gas for their heating needs instead of electricity.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Stout", written over a white background.

Douglas Stout, Vice President
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cc: Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Melissa De Genova
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Geoff Meggs
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