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### **FORTIS INC. RELEASES ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT: STRONG RESULTS FOR A CLEANER ENERGY FUTURE**

Fortis Inc. ("Fortis" or the "Corporation") (TSX/NYSE:FTS) has released its latest Environmental Report, detailing its commitment to environment and sustainability. Among other initiatives, the report outlines the shift to lower carbon energy resources in its business in Arizona, and highlights the capital investment plan that supports renewable energy resources and the delivery of cleaner energy.

"Delivering cleaner energy is a key strategic initiative for Fortis as we strive to meet the expectations of our customers and shareholders," said Barry Perry, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fortis. "As a result, we have elevated our focus on sustainability by recently announcing that Executive Vice President Nora Duke assumed responsibility for enterprise-wide sustainability and stewardship priorities. The Corporation has also increased its communication with investors on environment and sustainability matters, and produced a second Environmental Report in a 12-month period to accelerate and improve our environmental disclosure."

Transmission and distribution represents 91% of Fortis assets. The remaining 9% includes generation assets – 6% is fossil fuel-based generation and 3% is renewable generation.

"Fortis is primarily a transmission and distribution company with limited fossil fuel-based generation. As a result, our impact on the environment is limited," said Nora Duke, Executive Vice President, Sustainability and Chief Human Resource Officer, Fortis. "One of our priorities is facilitating more renewable energy onto the electricity grid while maintaining a safe, reliable system."

#### **Environmental Initiatives and Accomplishments**

Significant effort is being deployed to reduce fossil fuel-based generation and move to cleaner or renewable energy. Some of the highlights from the Environmental Report include:

- Delivering cleaner energy is a strong focus in our \$14.5 billion five-year capital investment plan.
- All of our operating utilities have comprehensive Environmental Management Systems in place, the majority of which are ISO 14001 compliant.
- Total Greenhouse Gases ("GHG") emitted per million dollars of revenue has decreased by 10% during the last three years (2014-2016). This downward trend is expected to continue.
- Tucson Electric Power ("TEP") anticipates a 36% (508 megawatt) reduction in coal-fired generation over the next five years through planned plant retirements.

- TEP has realized a 16% total CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction from its 2006 baseline year to 2017, and the goal is to have a 30% emissions reduction by 2030.
- In the last three years (2014-2016), the percentage of coal used from energy production at TEP has decreased by more than 17%. During the same period, the percentage of GHG emissions related to coal-owned generation decreased by 11%.
- Total gross solar energy generation by Fortis has increased from 33 gigawatt hours ("GWh") in 2014 to 82 GWh in 2016.
- At Maritime Electric, our Prince Edward Island utility, approximately 23% of electricity delivered comes from local wind farms – a level unmatched in any other Canadian province.
- At ITC Holdings Corp., our Michigan-based utility, 6,424 megawatts of wind energy production capacity is currently connected to the utility's systems in Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Kansas and Oklahoma, with an additional 1,986 megawatts planned.
- UniSource Energy Services in Arizona more than doubled its renewable generating capacity in July 2016 with a solar and wind expansion project near Willcox, Arizona.
- At the end of 2016, 6,645 homes, businesses and municipalities within our New York State utility's service territory had installed grid-connected solar electric systems, representing nearly 61 megawatts of installed capacity.
- FortisBC was the first utility in North America to offer Renewable Natural Gas ("RNG") to customers. The utility turns organic waste from sources such as landfill sites into biogas that is then upgraded and injected into the existing system. Consumption of RNG in 2016 avoided 8,117 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the equivalent of removing 1,715 cars from the road.
- FortisBC plans to supply Liquefied Natural Gas ("LNG") to ship operators that choose to convert from higher emitting fuels. Converting just one ocean-going tanker, cruise ship, or container ship to run on LNG instead of heavy fuel oil will reduce GHG emissions by about 93,500 tonnes annually, equivalent to taking more than 19,800 vehicles off the road.
- FortisBC estimates that 260,000 megawatt hours of electricity and 2,760,000 gigajoules of natural gas have been saved by customers through efficiency programs in the 2016 calendar year alone.
- The Wataynikaneyap project we are pursuing in partnership with First Nation communities in remote northwestern Ontario would connect these communities to the grid for the first time, moving away from dependence on diesel power generation and allowing for a reduction in GHG emissions.

A copy of the report is available [online](#). To request a hard copy, please email [media@fortisinc.com](mailto:media@fortisinc.com).

### **Forward-Looking Information**

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