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LOCAL NEWS

FortisBC Natural Gas Rates and Bill



Source: FortisBC

Due to the Enbridge pipeline rupture in October 2018, FortisBC obtained additional gas supply from other sources to meet customer needs. The British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), has determined that the added cost of these actions would be met by increasing the Storage and Transport rate as part of the approved rates.

The rates are based on a "Standard 12-month rate model," which means the rates (including the storage and transport rate) will continue to be reviewed every quarter and set on an annual basis.

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BC Hydro sets record for highest February power load

Source: BC Hydro

Following a dry summer in 2018 and as a result of cold weather in the Pacific Northwest, BC Hydro recognized the potential future need for additional power in its system. To ensure a consistent supply of electricity for its customers, BC Hydro secured a sufficient import supply to meet the system needs. The importing of power is a temporary measure to respond to current conditions and will not have an impact on rates.



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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Energy Star Portfolio Manager Making Changes to Web Services

Source: Energy Star

Click "Read More" to learn about the changes that will be made to Portfolio Manager web services in the 12.0 release on March 31 2019.

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Fitting ESG into portfolios

Source: Advisor's Edge

Investors are now more commonly considering lumber as a commercial real estate building material as it relates to several of the United Nation's sustainable development goals, such as climate action, infrastructure and sustainable consumption and production.

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How passive house is transforming top universities

Source: Green Building Elements

More and more educational institutions are adopting passive house (or "Passivhaus") values, which aim to make buildings as energy efficient as possible or with small carbon footprints. The University of Northern British Columbia's Wood Innovation Research Lab is being hailed as a prime example of this.

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BOMA Canada Launches 2019 Net Zero Challenge

Source: Canadian Architect

The Net Zero Challenge recognizes buildings that have achieved outstanding energy performance, drastically improved their performance or demonstrated leadership through the use of replicable and innovative strategies supporting efficiency and clean energy production.

The deadline for new entries in BOMA Canada's 2019 Net Zero Challenge is July 15, 2019 in all three award categories: Best in Class, Most Improved and Innovation.

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Canada invests in energy efficiency retrofits in Canadian municipalities

Source: Natural Resources Canada Press Release

One of the greatest opportunities for Canada is the shift toward clean growth. Energy efficiency boosts competitiveness, lowers costs, maximizes profits and helps protect our environment. Promoting and rewarding energy-efficient practices are key components of Canada's approach to a clean energy future.

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BOMA BC ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

BOMA BC is taking an active role in promoting energy efficiency and sustainability with its members by providing cost-effective tools and resources to improve performance in buildings. We offer direct assistance for your energy management needs, utility tracking and reporting software, energy training, total waste management services, and a green building certification program. All members are encouraged to contact BOMA BC to see what programs are right for your organization.



BOMA Strategic Energy Management Services

Through the BOMA Energy Management Program (EMP), partially funded by BC Hydro, BOMA is pleased to provide direct assistance to members with strategic energy management planning. BOMA BC members will have access to a qualified energy management professional who will work one-on-one with your organization to develop a strategic energy management plan. These plans are essential for organizations who are addressing the sustainability of their building portfolio and want a structured and effective way to reduce operating costs, improve building performance and reduce the environmental impact of the building.



This complimentary service for our members has very limited space, contact BOMA's Energy Manager, [David Salsberg](#) to find out more.

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What Course Participants are Saying:

"The course is an excellent source for helping to summarize project costs and benefits as part of a capital budget, as well as 'selling' the benefits of energy savings projects."

"The course went into much more detail than I expected, which I was happy with as I was looking for a better understanding of the technical basics."

"The spreadsheets and links are very beneficial for future use."

For more information or to register for the course, please go to the [BOMA Learning Website](#)

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BOMA BEST® 3.0 is a national green building certification program developed to address an industry need for realistic standards for energy and environmental performance of existing buildings based on accurate, independently-verified information. Currently BOMA BEST® 3.0 provides seven modules for certification (office, light industrial, shopping centre, open air retail, multi-unit residential, health care and universal). These certifications focus on 10 key areas of environmental management (energy, water, air quality, comfort, health and wellness, purchasing, custodial, waste, site and stakeholder engagement).

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BOMA Total Waste Management

The Total Waste Management (TWM) Program is a one-stop, cost-effective recycling service. The service provides a comprehensive waste audit and custom solutions to meet all BOMA members' recycling needs (paper, cardboard, mixed containers, batteries, electronics, and organics).



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