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UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTED OF

IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

An Application by Stargas Utilities Ltd. for Approval of a Gas Cost Decrease

BEFORE:	P. Ostergaard, Chair B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner R.D. Deane, Commissioner K.L. Hall, Commissioner N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner)))	October 4, 2001
	E.J. Rowbotham, Commissioner)	

ORDER

WHEREAS:

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- A. On September 28, 2001, Stargas Utilities Ltd. ("Stargas") applied to decrease the rates charged to its customers by \$1.327/GJ, as a result of a \$1.264/GJ decrease in the BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") Rate Schedule 3 variable rate from \$10.076/GJ to \$8.812/GJ plus Stargas' allowance for Lost and Unaccounted for Gas of 5 percent of the change in the BC Gas rate; and
- B. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that approval is required.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Section 61 of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for Stargas a reduction of \$1.327/GJ in rates for Residential and Commercial customers, effective October 1, 2001.
- 2. Stargas is to provide its customers with an explanation of the rate decrease by way of a customer notice included in the next bill.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this *ninth* day of October 2001.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard Chair