



BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-1-03

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

and

An Application by The Corporation of the City of Nelson  
for Approval of Electrical Utility Amendment By-Law No. 2959, 2002

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
R.D. Deane, Commissioner )  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner ) January 9, 2003  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner )  
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On December 19, 2002, The Corporation of the City of Nelson ("the City") applied to the Commission for approval of Electrical Utility Amendment By-Law No. 2959, 2002 to increase its electrical rates by 1.50 percent effective January 1, 2003; and
- B. The electrical utility rate increase is required due to a 5.0 percent interim increase in power purchase costs from Aquila Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd. that was approved by Commission Order No. G-83-02; and
- C. Rates charged to customers in the City's service area outside the City limits are subject to Commission regulation; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the By-Law and rate schedules and finds that an electrical utility rate increase is required.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves and accepts for filing Electrical Utility Amendment By-Law No. 2959, 2002 incorporating a 1.50 percent rate increase, effective January 1, 2003.
- 2. The City, by way of a Customer Notice included in the next billing, is to inform customers of the rate increase.
- 3. The City is to provide the Commission with a final certified copy of the By-Law following all approvals.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this *ninth* day of January 2003.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair