

**BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION** 

**ORDER** 

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IN THE MATTER OF

and

the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

An Application by Terasen Gas Inc. for Approval to Further Extend the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in the City of Prince George

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner August 12, 2004

K.L. Hall, Commissioner

## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

## **WHEREAS:**

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- The Commission, by Order No. G-39-80, approved for Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd. (now Terasen Gas Inc.) ("Terasen Gas") a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the provision of natural gas service in the City of Prince George ("the City") for a period of 21 years; and
- B. Previous Commission Orders have extended the expiry date of the CPCN and Schedules "A" and "B", the gas franchise agreements forming part of that CPCN, to June 30, 2004, pursuant to Section 45(7) of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- C. On June 30, 2004, Terasen Gas applied to the Commission for approval, and the City has agreed, to further extend the expiry date of the CPCN and Schedules "A" and "B" to October 31, 2004; and
- D. Terasen Gas has advised the Commission that the parties have settled on terms regarding a possible Lease-In Lease-Out arrangement and that the parties require additional time to settle the terms of a long-term operating agreement; and

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E. The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that a further extension to the expiry date of the CPCN and Schedules "A" and "B" is in the public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission, pursuant to Section 45(7) of the Utilities Commission Act, approves for Terasen Gas a further extension to October 31, 2004 of the CPCN and Schedules "A" and "B" in the City of Prince George.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this

12th

day of August 2004.

**BY ORDER** 

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey Commissioner