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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** G-57-04

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

**and**

**Recovery of Commission Costs  
for the 2004/05 Fiscal Year**

**BEFORE:** Robert Hobbs, Chair & CEO June 17, 2004

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Section 125 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") enables the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") to recover its expenses arising in each fiscal year commencing April 1 from the administration of the Act, and to fix and collect levies from public utilities and other persons so defined. B.C. Regulation 283/88, dated July 29, 1988, authorizes the Commission to collect and retain all levies collected under the Regulation; and
- B. The current year's levy for recovering Commission expenses is based on its 2004/05 approved budget minus 2003/04 deferred revenue and expected recoveries. That figure is then divided by the total energy sales of the regulated energy utilities for the previous calendar year; and
- C. The Commission will recover its expenses from the levy calculation on a quarterly basis and may adjust the fourth quarter billing in order to account for additional revenues received or expenses incurred during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005. The final adjustment for the year will occur with the first quarter billing in the following year of 2005/06.

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

- 1. A levy, at the rate of \$0.0089235339 per GJ equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 2003 shall be paid by, and collected from, the public utilities listed below for the recovery of Commission expenses in the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2004.
- 2. The following public utilities are required to pay the levy fixed for the 2004/05 fiscal year, to be billed in installments as set out in Appendix A attached to this Order.

Electric Utilities

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
FortisBC Inc.  
Princeton Light and Power Company, Limited  
The Corporation of the City of Nelson  
Hemlock Valley Electrical Services Limited  
The Yukon Electrical Company Limited  
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation  
Terasen Multi-Utility Services Inc.

Gas Utilities

Terasen Gas Inc.  
Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.  
Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc.  
Terasen Gas (Squamish) Inc.  
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.  
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.  
R 334 Enterprises Ltd. (Big White Gas Utility)  
Port Alice Gas Inc.  
Sun Peaks Utilities Co. Ltd.  
Terasen Multi-Utility Services Inc.  
Stargas Utilities Ltd.

Steam Heat Utility

Central Heat Distribution Limited

3. Pursuant to Levy Regulation 283/88 and Letter No. L-39-96, the following upstream natural gas processors and intraprovincial oil pipelines shall pay the following amounts for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2004:

|                                                       |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Coastal Canada Field Services Inc.                    | \$1,000 |
| Duke Energy Field Services Canada Ltd.                | \$1,000 |
| Westcoast Gas Services Inc.                           | \$1,000 |
| Canadian Natural Resources Limited                    | \$1,000 |
| JJH Equipment Trust                                   | \$1,000 |
| Plateau Pipeline Ltd.                                 |         |
| - Sunset Prairie Pipeline                             | \$1,000 |
| - Taylor to Dawson Creek Pipeline                     | \$1,000 |
| - Blueberry, Northeast BC and Boundary Lake Pipelines | \$1,000 |
| - Western System                                      | \$1,000 |
| EnerMark Inc.                                         | \$1,000 |
| Terasen Pipelines (Jet Fuel) Inc.                     | \$1,000 |

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**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this      18<sup>th</sup>      day of June 2004.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Robert Hobbs  
Chair & CEO

Attachment

**APPENDIX A**  
to Order No. G-57-04  
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BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION - 2004/05 LEVY CALCULATION

| A                                                                                                                                          | B                     | C                | D    | E                  | F                                         | I                 | J                 | K                 | L                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Utility                                                                                                                                    | Regulated Sales \$000 | Regulated Volume | Unit | Converted To GJ    | 2004/05 Annual Assessment \$ <sup>1</sup> | Billing Q1        | Billing Q2        | Billing Q3        | Billing Q4 <sup>3</sup> |
| B.C. Hydro & Power Authority                                                                                                               | 2,411,113.00          | 48,341.85        | GW.h | 174,030,700        | 1,552,968.85                              | 388,242.21        | 388,242.21        | 388,242.21        | 388,242.21              |
| City of Nelson                                                                                                                             | 3,493.00              | 53.68            | GW.h | 193,200            | 1,724.03                                  | 431.01            | 431.01            | 431.01            | 431.01                  |
| Hemlock Valley                                                                                                                             | 230.00                | 1.71             | GW.h | 6,200              | 55.33                                     | 13.83             | 13.83             | 13.83             | 13.83                   |
| Princeton Light & Power                                                                                                                    | 4,634.00              | 65.71            | GW.h | 236,600            | 2,111.31                                  | 527.83            | 527.83            | 527.83            | 527.83                  |
| FortisBC Inc. <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                 | 125,951.00            | 1,929.00         | GW.h | 6,944,400          | 61,968.59                                 | 15,492.15         | 15,492.15         | 15,492.15         | 15,492.15               |
| Silversmith Power & Light Corporation                                                                                                      | 13.00                 | 0.05             | GW.h | 200                | 1.78                                      | 0.45              | 0.45              | 0.45              | 0.45                    |
| TMUS Sun Rivers (Electric)                                                                                                                 | 119.00                | 1.78             | GW.h | 6,400              | 57.11                                     | 14.28             | 14.28             | 14.28             | 14.28                   |
| Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd.                                                                                                                  | 110.00                | 0.73             | GW.h | 2,600              | 23.20                                     | 5.80              | 5.80              | 5.80              | 5.80                    |
| Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC)                                                                                           |                       |                  |      |                    |                                           |                   |                   |                   |                         |
| Terasen Gas Inc.<br>(formerly BC Gas Utility Ltd.)                                                                                         |                       |                  |      |                    |                                           |                   |                   |                   |                         |
| Lower Mainland Division                                                                                                                    | 935,558.00            | 115,644,000      | GJ   | 115,644,000        | 1,031,953.15                              | 257,988.29        | 257,988.29        | 257,988.29        | 257,988.29              |
| Inland Division                                                                                                                            | 290,836.00            | 52,960,000       | GJ   | 52,960,000         | 472,590.36                                | 118,147.59        | 118,147.59        | 118,147.59        | 118,147.59              |
| Columbia Division                                                                                                                          | 32,106.00             | 6,137,000        | GJ   | 6,137,000          | 54,763.73                                 | 13,690.93         | 13,690.93         | 13,690.93         | 13,690.93               |
| Fort Nelson Division                                                                                                                       | 3,988.00              | 956,000          | GJ   | 956,000            | 8,530.90                                  | 2,132.72          | 2,132.72          | 2,132.72          | 2,132.72                |
| Terasen Gas (Squamish) Inc. (formerly Squamish Gas Co. Ltd.)                                                                               | 3,316.00              | 329,000          | GJ   | 329,000            | 2,935.84                                  | 733.96            | 733.96            | 733.96            | 733.96                  |
| Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc. (formerly Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.)<br>Vancouver Island, Powell River and Sunshine Coast areas | 155,640.00            | 32,340,000       | GJ   | 32,340,000         | 288,587.09                                | 72,146.77         | 72,146.77         | 72,146.77         | 72,146.77               |
| Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.<br>Dawson Creek and Fort St. John                                                                         | 32,041.00             | 4,663,000        | GJ   | 4,663,000          | 41,610.44                                 | 10,402.61         | 10,402.61         | 10,402.61         | 10,402.61               |
| Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.<br>Tumbler Ridge                                                                                          | 1,930.00              | 719,000          | GJ   | 719,000            | 6,416.02                                  | 1,604.01          | 1,604.01          | 1,604.01          | 1,604.01                |
| Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.                                                                                                                  | 99,454.00             | 36,845,000       | GJ   | 36,845,000         | 328,787.61                                | 82,196.90         | 82,196.90         | 82,196.90         | 82,196.90               |
| R334 Enterprises (Big White)                                                                                                               | 413.00                | 23,000           | GJ   | 23,000             | 205.24                                    | 51.31             | 51.31             | 51.31             | 51.31                   |
| Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc.<br>(formerly Centra Gas Whistler Inc.)                                                                         | 8,918.00              | 697,000          | GJ   | 697,000            | 6,219.70                                  | 1,554.93          | 1,554.93          | 1,554.93          | 1,554.93                |
| Port Alice Gas Inc.                                                                                                                        | 339.00                | 16,000           | GJ   | 16,000             | 142.78                                    | 35.69             | 35.69             | 35.69             | 35.69                   |
| Sun Peaks Utilities                                                                                                                        | 1,100.00              | 73,000           | GJ   | 73,000             | 651.42                                    | 162.85            | 162.85            | 162.85            | 162.85                  |
| Central Heat Distribution Limited                                                                                                          | 5,424.00              | 1,208,900        | GJ   | 1,208,900          | 10,787.66                                 | 2,696.92          | 2,696.92          | 2,696.92          | 2,696.92                |
| Stargas Utilities Ltd.                                                                                                                     | 508.00                | 29,000           | GJ   | 29,000             | 258.78                                    | 64.70             | 64.70             | 64.70             | 64.70                   |
| Terasen Multi-Utility Services<br>(formerly Sun Rivers (gas), Panorama & Toby Creek Utilities Co. Ltd.)                                    | 277.00                | 15,000           | GJ   | 15,000             | 133.85                                    | 33.46             | 33.46             | 33.46             | 33.46                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>4,117,511.00</b>   |                  |      | <b>434,075,200</b> | <b>3,873,484.76</b>                       | <b>968,371.19</b> | <b>968,371.19</b> | <b>968,371.19</b> | <b>968,371.19</b>       |

|                                                                   |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2004/05 BCUC Budget                                               | \$4,678,000.00      |
| Less: 2003/04 Deferred Revenue (carried forward)                  | <u>(191,955.24)</u> |
|                                                                   | 4,486,044.76        |
| Less estimated recoveries from:                                   |                     |
| Intra-Provincial Oil Pipeline Companies & Upstream Gas Processors | (11,000.00)         |
| Insurance Corporation of British Columbia                         | (401,560.00)        |
| Expected direct recoveries from Public Hearings                   | <u>(200,000.00)</u> |
| BCUC 2004/05 Budget to be recovered through the Levy              | \$3,873,484.76      |

|                   |                       |   |                           |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Levy Calculation: | <u>\$3,873,484.76</u> |   |                           |
|                   | 434,075,200 GJ        | = | <u>\$0.0089235339</u> /GJ |

- 1 Deferred Revenue applied to annual assessment.  
2 On June 1, 2004 Aquila Networks Canada changed its name to FortisBC Inc.  
3 Quarterly assessment will be reviewed for 4th Quarter billing.