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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-62-05

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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 2005/06 Fiscal Year**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner June 22, 2005
L.A. Boychuk, Commissioner

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 2005/06 approved budget minus 2004/05 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, 2006. The final adjustment for the year will occur commencing with the first quarter billing in the following fiscal year of 2006/07.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A levy, at the rate of \$0.0091666730 per GJ equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 2004 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, 2005.
- 2. The following public utilities are required to pay the levy fixed for the 2005/06 fiscal year, to be billed in installments as set out in Appendix A attached to this Order.

3. Pursuant to Section 125 of the Act, the regulation of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (“ICBC”), the Insurance Corporation Act RSA 1996, Chapter 228, and the Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 2003, SBC 2003, Chapter 35, ICBC shall pay the Commission’s 2005/06 allocated budgeted expenses of \$396,276 in quarterly installments.

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.
Big White Gas Utility
Port Alice Gas Inc.
Sun Peaks Utilities Co. Ltd.
Terasen Multi-Utility Services Inc.
Stargas Utilities Ltd.
Cal Gas Inc. - Kickinghorse

Steam Heat Utility

Central Heat Distribution Limited

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4. 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, 2005:

Keyera Energy (Formerly Coastal Canada Field Services Inc.)	\$1,000
Duke Energy Field Services Canada Ltd. - Westcoast Gas Services Inc.	\$1,000
Canadian Natural Resources Limited – West Stoddart Plant	\$1,000
JJH Equipment Trust (Jedney I, II, Highway Transportation & Processing Facility)	\$1,000
Plateau Pipeline Ltd.	
- Sunset Prairie Pipeline	\$1,000
- Taylor to Dawson Creek Pipeline	\$1,000
- Blueberry	\$1,000
- Northeast BC and Boundary Lake Pipelines	\$1,000
- Western System	\$1,000
Enerplus Resources Fund – Inga Oil Pipeline	\$1,000
Terasen Pipelines (Jet Fuel) Inc.	\$1,000

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of June 2005.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner

Attachment

A	B	C	D	E	F	I	J	K	L
Utility	Regulated Sales \$000	Regulated Volume	Unit	Converted To GJ	2005/06 Annual Assessment \$ ¹	Billing Q1	Billing Q2	Billing Q3	Billing Q4 ³
B.C. Hydro & Power Authority	2,533,885.00	49,168.20	GW.h	177,005,515	1,622,551.68	405,637.92	405,637.92	405,637.92	405,637.92
City of Nelson (Rural)	3,737.00	56.34	GW.h	202,800	1,859.00	464.75	464.75	464.75	464.75
Hemlock Valley	279.00	1.18	GW.h	4,200	38.50	9.63	9.63	9.63	9.63
Princeton Light & Power	5,119.00	69.16	GW.h	249,000	2,282.50	570.63	570.63	570.63	570.63
FortisBC Inc. ²	129,450.00	1,942.00	GW.h	6,991,200	64,086.04	16,021.51	16,021.51	16,021.51	16,021.51
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation	18.00	0.05	GW.h	200	1.83	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46
TMUS Sun Rivers (Electric)	177.00	2.77	GW.h	10,000	91.67	22.92	22.92	22.92	22.92
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd. (Lower Post)	113.00	0.72	GW.h	2,600	23.83	5.96	5.96	5.96	5.96
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC)						99,069.00	99,069.00	99,069.00	99,069.00
Terasen Gas Inc.									
Lower Mainland Division	933,572.00	111,948,000	GJ	111,948,000	1,026,190.71	256,547.68	256,547.68	256,547.68	256,547.68
Inland Division	297,882.00	53,340,000	GJ	53,340,000	488,950.34	122,237.58	122,237.58	122,237.58	122,237.58
Columbia Division	33,304.00	6,375,000	GJ	6,375,000	58,437.54	14,609.39	14,609.39	14,609.39	14,609.39
Fort Nelson Division	4,644.00	953,000	GJ	953,000	8,735.84	2,183.96	2,183.96	2,183.96	2,183.96
Terasen Gas (Squamish) Inc.	3,651.00	329,000	GJ	329,000	3,015.84	753.96	753.96	753.96	753.96
Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.									
Vancouver Island, Powell River and Sunshine Coast areas	150,796.00	32,339,000	GJ	32,339,000	296,441.04	74,110.26	74,110.26	74,110.26	74,110.26
CalGas - Kickinghorse	51.00	4,000		4,000	36.67	9.17	9.17	9.17	9.17
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.									
Dawson Creek and Fort St. John	29,132.00	4,549,000	GJ	4,549,000	41,699.20	10,424.80	10,424.80	10,424.80	10,424.80
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.									
Tumbler Ridge	1,870.00	717,000	GJ	717,000	6,572.50	1,643.13	1,643.13	1,643.13	1,643.13
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.	62,066.00	33,693,000	GJ	33,693,000	308,852.71	77,213.18	77,213.18	77,213.18	77,213.18
Big White Gas Utility	614.00	39,000	GJ	39,000	357.50	89.38	89.38	89.38	89.38
Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc.	10,256.00	700,000	GJ	700,000	6,416.67	1,604.17	1,604.17	1,604.17	1,604.17
Port Alice Gas Inc.	332.00	16,000	GJ	16,000	146.67	36.67	36.67	36.67	36.67
Sun Peaks Utilities	1,230.00	72,000	GJ	72,000	660.00	165.00	165.00	165.00	165.00
Central Heat Distribution Limited	5,233.00	1,130,800	GJ	1,130,800	10,365.67	2,591.42	2,591.42	2,591.42	2,591.42
Stargas Utilities Ltd.	526.00	30,000	GJ	30,000	275.00	68.75	68.75	68.75	68.75
Terasen Multi-Utility Services	785.00	43,000	GJ	43,000	394.17	98.54	98.54	98.54	98.54
Sun Rivers (gas), Panorama & Sonoma Pines									
TOTAL	4,208,722.00			430,743,315	3,948,483.12	1,086,189.78	1,086,189.78	1,086,189.78	1,086,189.78
2005/06 BCUC Budget	\$5,527,000.00								
Less: 2004/05 Deferred Revenue (carried forward)	(771,240.88)								
	4,755,759.12								
Less estimated recoveries from:									
Intra-Provincial Oil Pipeline Companies & Upstream Gas Processors	(11,000.00)								
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia	(396,276.00)								
Expected direct recoveries from Public Hearings	(400,000.00)								
BCUC 2005/06 Budget to be recovered through the Levy	\$3,948,483.12								
Levy Calculation:	\$3,948,483.12								
	430,743,300 GJ		=		\$0.0091666730 /GJ				
1 Deferred Revenue applied to annual assessment.									
2 On June 1, 2004 Aquila Networks Canada changed its name to Fortis BC Inc.									
3 Quarterly assessment will be reviewed for 4th Quarter billing.									