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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-31-06

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

and

A Submission by Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc.
for Review of its of 2005 Resource Plan Update

and

An Application by Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc.
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to convert its propane grid system
to natural gas and approval to enter into a Natural Gas Transportation Service
Agreement with Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.

and

An Application by Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for a natural gas pipeline lateral from Squamish to Whistler

BEFORE: A.J. Pullman, Panel Chair and Commissioner
R.J. Milbourne, Commissioner
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner

March 23, 2006

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 12, 2005, Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc. ("TGW") filed with the Commission its 2005 Resource Plan Update ("the Resource Plan") that provides an assessment of the current and future energy requirements at the Resort Municipality of Whistler ("RMOW") and concludes that the existing propane grid system should be converted to natural gas; and
- B. On December 16, 2005, TGW filed with the Commission its application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to convert its system to natural gas and for approval to enter into a long-term natural gas transportation agreement with Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc. ("TGVI"). In the application, TGW also requests approval to make a capital contribution to TGVI and to add the contribution to rate base, to amortize the net book value of the propane facilities and to recover pipeline study costs incurred prior to 2004 ("the TGW Application"); and

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- C. Also, on December 16, 2005, TGVl filed with the Commission its application for a CPCN for construction of a natural gas pipeline lateral to connect RMOW to the TGVl transmission system at Squamish and to enter into a Transportation Service Agreement with TGW ("the TGVl Application"). The Resource Plan Application, the TGW Application and the TGVl Application will be referred to collectively as the "Applications"; and
- D. The Squamish Nation and the Companies have reached an Accommodation Agreement and the Squamish Nation has withdrawn its intervention in respect to the Applications in its letter dated March 8, 2006; and
- E. The Companies undertook to file the provisions of the Accommodation Agreement that affect the capital cost of the Applications by March 17, 2006; and
- F. In an E-mail message to the Commission dated March 21, 2006, the Vancouver Island Gas Joint Venture requested that the Commission direct that the intervenors receive a redacted copy of the Accommodation Agreement; and
- G. In its letter of March 22, 2006, the Companies requested that the redacted version of the Accommodation Agreement be limited to parties to the proceeding and that terms be kept confidential.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders that the distribution of the redacted version of the Accommodation Agreement be limited to parties to the proceeding and that its terms be kept confidential.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of March 2006.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.J. Pullman
Panel Chair and Commissioner