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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-1-06**

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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. 3050, 2005**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
L.A. Boychuk, Commissioner January 6, 2006

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 23, 2005, The Corporation of the City of Nelson ("the City") applied to the Commission for approval of an Electrical Utility Amendment By-Law to increase its electrical rates by 2.9 percent, effective January 1, 2006; and
- B. The By-Law rate schedules include rates pertaining to the provision of electrical service to customers inside and outside of its municipal boundaries; and
- C. The electrical utility rate increase is required due to increases in utility costs, including an interim increase in power purchase costs from its supplier FortisBC Inc. that was approved by Commission Order No. G-130-05; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the By-Law and rate schedules and finds that an electrical utility rate increase to all customers is required.

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NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Section 60(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves and accepts for filing Electrical Utility Amendment By-Law No. 3050, 2005 incorporating a 2.9 percent rate increase to all customers, effective January 1, 2006.
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 12th day of January 2006.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner