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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-102-06

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

and

**An Application by Corix Multi Utility Services Inc.
for Approval of an Interim Rate Increase
for the Electric Utility at Sonoma Pines Subdivision in Westbank, B.C.**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner August 18, 2006
L.A. Zaozirny, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 4, 2006, Corix Multi Utility Services Inc. ("Corix") [formerly known as Terasen Multi Utility Services Inc. ("TMUS")] filed for an interim rate increase for electric service to customers in the Sonoma Pines Subdivision ("Sonoma Pines") in Westbank, B.C. to reflect interim increases in the electric rates from its supplier, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") effective July 1, 2006; and
- B. By Order No. G-71-06 dated June 19, 2006, the Commission approved a 4.65 percent interim refundable rate increase for BC Hydro effective July 1, 2006; and
- C. By Order No. C-13-05, the Commission approved a TMUS request for a flow-through rate adjustment mechanism for electricity rates for Sonoma Pines to amend the electric monthly charges, delivery charges and commodity charges for Sonoma Pines in order to maintain customer rates at levels equivalent to those of BC Hydro, adjacent to Sonoma Pines, subject to the filing of the amended rates with the Commission within ten business days of the effective date of the changes to BC Hydro rates, and subject to review by the Commission in the event of a complaint by an interested party within 60 days of the effective date of the amended rates; and
- D. Corix updated electric tariffs for Sonoma Pines on August 4, 2006, with an effective date of July 1, 2006; and

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E. The Corix filing does not comply with the flow-through rate adjustment mechanism approved by Order No. C-13-05.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission considers the Corix filing of August 4, 2006 to be an application to implement interim rates pursuant to Sections 61(4) and 61(5) of the Utilities Commission Act and orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves for Corix its request for a 4.65 percent interim increase in Electric Tariff Rate Schedules for Sonoma Pines as set out in the Application, on a prospective basis effective September 1, 2006, subject to review by the Commission in the event of a complaint by an interested party within 60 days of the effective date of the amended rates.
2. The interim rate increase is subject to refund with interest at the average prime rate of the principal bank with which Corix conducts its business.
3. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing by Corix, amended Electric Tariff Rate Schedules for Sonoma Pines in accordance with the terms of this Order.
4. Corix is to provide a bill message notifying all customers of the interim increase in rates.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of August 2006.

BY ORDER

Original signed by

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner