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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-79-07**

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

and

An Application by Terasen Gas Inc. ("TGI"), Terasen Gas Vancouver Island ("TGVI"),
and Terasen Gas Whistler ("TGW") (collectively the "Terasen Utilities", or "Terasen")
for Approval to Submit a Combined 2008 Resource Plan

and

An Application by Terasen Gas Inc. ("TGI"), Terasen Gas Vancouver Island ("TGVI"),
and Terasen Gas Whistler ("TGW") (collectively the "Terasen Utilities", or "Terasen")
for Approval to Amend the Date for Submission of its 2008 Resource Plan

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner

July 12, 2007

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 29, 2007, pursuant to the Utilities Commission Act (the "Act"), Terasen filed an application ("Application") for approval to submit a combined 2008 Resource Plan, covering TGI, TGVI, and TGW; and
- B. The planning processes for the Terasen Utilities have become more aligned, resulting in an increase in duplication of background information and integration of planning analysis and solutions, with the result that the 2006 Resource Plans of TGI and TGVI, featured considerable redundancy of explanations, concepts, proposals and figures; and
- C. Terasen believes that preparing a single consolidated submission that documents the resource planning background, analyses, recommendations and action plan for all three utilities should improve the efficiency of the regulatory review process for all parties involved, without compromising the Resource Planning process for each of the utilities; and
- D. Commission Letter No. L-70-06 directed Terasen to file updated 2008 Resource Plans, for TGI and TGVI, by the end of the first quarter of 2008; and
- E. Terasen proposes changing the date for submission of the combined Resource Plan to the second quarter of 2008, to allow for the inclusion of more recent forecasting and other background data, which would otherwise not be available in time for analysis and inclusion in a first quarter submission; and

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- F. Terasen expects that using more up-to-date information will improve the consistency of data and analyses contained in the Resource Plan with that of other planning documents, such as the annual gas contracting plans and annual price risk management plans, which are generally submitted during the second quarter; and
- G. Terasen seeks approval to file the combined 2008 Resource Plan at the end of the second quarter of 2008.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Terasen Utilities shall submit a combined 2008 Resource Plan, incorporating TGI, TGVI, and TGW.
2. Where necessary to describe activities specific to any one of the individual Terasen Utilities, the Resource Plan shall clearly report those utility-specific activities.
3. Where necessary to describe transactions between any of the individual Terasen Utilities, the Resource Plan shall clearly report those transactions.
4. The combined 2008 Resource Plan shall be submitted to the Commission by the end of the second quarter of 2008.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of July 2007.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner