

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-20-09**

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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. 3129, 2009**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner
D.A. Cote, Commissioner
March 12, 2009

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 10, 2009, the Corporation of the City of Nelson (the "City") applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") for approval of an Electrical Utility Amendment By-Law to increase its electrical rates by 4 percent, effective April 1, 2009; 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. The By-Law received its Third Reading on February 9, 2009; and
- C. The electrical utility rate increase is required due to increases in costs, including an increase in power purchase costs from its supplier FortisBC Inc., that was approved by Commission Order G-193-08; and
- D. By letter dated March 5, 2009, the City responded to a Commission request for the rationale of requesting approval of a 4 percent rate increase effective April 1, 2009 (the "Response"); and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the By-Law, rate schedules and Response and finds that an electrical utility rate increase to all customers is required.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves for the City of Nelson and accepts for filing Electrical Utility Amendment By-Law No. 3129, 2009 incorporating a 4 percent rate increase to all customers, effective April 1, 2009.
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 March 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner