



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-93-09

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

and

Stargas Utilities Ltd.
Services Agreement with Terasen Energy Service Inc.

BEFORE: D.A. Cote, Commissioner July 30, 2009
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. British Columbia Utilities Commission ("Commission") Order C-4-00 dated March 30, 2000, approved a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Stargas Utilities Ltd. ("Stargas", "the Company") to operate a natural gas distribution system at the resort community of Silver Star; and
- B. On March 30, 2009, Stargas applied for Commission review and approval of a proposed Services Agreement (the "2009 Services Agreement") between Stargas and Terasen Energy Services Inc. pursuant to section 23 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the "Act") (the "Application"). Stargas requests approval of the 2009 Services Agreement in order that the services obtained and the fees paid under the agreement will be recoverable in accordance with sections 59 and 60 of the Act; and
- C. The proposed 2009 Services Agreement will reduce Stargas' basic charge costs by \$7,120/year, eliminate the License Fee and set the Variable Delivery charge for both residential and commercial customers at \$1.62/GJ. In addition, the cost of installing a new service line will increase from \$950 to \$1,250 and the cost of installing a new meter will increase from \$300 to \$450; and
- D. The Application also requested that the agreement be kept confidential. In a letter dated May 1, 2009, the Commission informed Stargas that its request for confidentiality was not in accordance with the Commission's Confidential Filing Practice. On May 15, 2009, Stargas sent a letter to the Commission noting that the proposed 2009 Services Agreement contained a clause that permitted disclosure to the Commission; and
- E. The Commission issued Confidential Information Request No. 1 on June 8, 2009 and Stargas responded on June 18, 2009; and
- F. The Commission has considered the 2009 Services Agreement and the supporting materials and finds that the requested approval is in the public interest.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission, pursuant to section 23 of the Act, approves the 2009 Services Agreement between Stargas and Terasen Energy Services Inc.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th day of July 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.A. Cote
Commissioner