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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-169-10**

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

and

**Terasen Gas Inc., Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.
and Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc.
2010 Long Term Resource Plan**

BEFORE: D.A. Cote Commissioner
L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner
A.W.K. Anderson, Commissioner

November 12, 2010

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 15, 2010 Terasen Gas Inc., Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc. and Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc. (collectively Terasen Utilities) filed their 2010 Long Term Resource Plan (2010 LTRP or Application) for the Commission's review;
- B. The 2010 LTRP examines future demand and supply resource conditions over the next 20 years and recommends actions needed during the next four years to ensure customers' energy needs are met over the long term;
- C. On August 4, 2010, the Commission issued Order G-124-10 to establish a Preliminary Regulatory Timetable that included a Procedural Conference to address matters relating to principal issues arising from the Application and the regulatory review process;
- D. The Procedural Conference took place on September 21, 2010. At the Conference there were submissions on the possibility to convene a second Procedural Conference following the second round of Information Requests to determine if any further process beyond the filing of written argument was required;
- E. On September 24, 2010, the Commission issued Order G-146-10 which set out an Amended Regulatory Timetable. The Amended Regulatory Timetable includes a Default Schedule and an Alternative Schedule, with the Default Schedule being the timetable if a second Procedural Conference would not take place. Parties were requested to make submissions to the Commission by November 10, 2010 as to the need for a second Procedural Conference scheduled for November 17, 2010;

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- F. By November 10, 2010 the Commission has received submissions from four Parties: the applicant Terasen Utilities; BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.*, BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club of British Columbia; and the Commercial Energy Consumers of British Columbia. All Parties submitted that a second Procedural Conference would be unnecessary;
- G. The Commission Panel has considered the submissions of all Parties and has concluded that the Second Procedural Conference scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2010 will not be required.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders the review of the Application to proceed by a Written Hearing in accordance to the Default Schedule of the Amended Regulatory Timetable that is attached as Appendix A to Commission Order G-146-10.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of November 2010.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara
Commissioner