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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER A-7-13**

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

and

Access Gas Services Inc.
Application for Renewal of its Gas Marketer Licence
under the Customer Choice Program

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
B.A. Magnan, Commissioner
C. van Wermeskerken, Commissioner
October 7, 2013

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 30, 2013, Access Gas Services Inc. (Access Gas), applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for renewal of its Gas Marketer Licence. The Application for renewal of its Licence to Market Natural Gas (Application) included the payment of the \$1,000 Application Fee and a \$250,000 proof of security, pursuant to Sections 2 and 4 respectively of the Licence Requirements;
- B. In the Application, Access Gas requests that the Commission hold the Application confidential on the basis that the contents are commercially sensitive; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed Access Gas' Application and relying upon the information and representations made by Access Gas finds that renewal of its Gas Marketer Licence, subject to certain conditions, is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 71.1(6) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A Gas Marketer Licence is issued to Access Gas Services Inc. for the period of November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2014.
- 2. Access Gas' Application will be held confidential, as requested by Access Gas.
- 3. This licence is subject to the following conditions:

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- a. Access Gas must carry out the undertakings as provided in its Application for a Gas Marketer Licence and as set out in the Rules for Gas Marketers established by Order A-11-11.
- b. Access Gas must comply with the Code of Conduct for Gas Marketers and Rate Schedule 36 of FortisBC Energy Inc. Access Gas shall ensure that its employees, salespersons or other representatives of its products and services comply with the standards required of a Gas Marketer as set out in the Code of Conduct for Gas Marketers and Access Gas shall be responsible for any non-compliance of its employees, salespersons or other representatives of its products and services.
- c. Access Gas must maintain a \$250,000 performance security in full force and effect for the duration of the Licence.
- d. Access Gas must file with the Commission, pursuant to item 10.0 of the Rules for Gas Marketers, the following information:
 - i. Unaudited quarterly financial statements, no later than 45 days after the end of each quarter;
 - ii. The most recent version of the documents submitted to satisfy Section 7, Financial Qualifications, of the Licence Requirements;
 - iii. The most recent version of the documents submitted under Sections (8), (9), (10), (11) and (12) of the Licence Requirements, for the Commission's comment and approval, prior to commercial distribution and/or use.
- e. The Commission may, at any time and without prior notice to Access Gas, amend or impose new terms and conditions on, suspend, or cancel the Gas Marketer Licence for reasons the Commission, in its sole discretion, considers sufficient.
- f. The Gas Marketer Licence and all copies of it shall remain the property of the Commission. Access Gas will return these documents forthwith upon written request from the Commission.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of October 2013.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

C. van Wermeskerken
Commissioner

Attachment



LICENCE No. A-7-13

GAS MARKETER LICENCE

ACCESS GAS SERVICES INC.

is granted a licence for the purpose of providing advice to, or acting on behalf of, a low volume consumer ⁽¹⁾ purchasing gas directly in the Province of British Columbia subject to the terms and conditions contained in Commission Order A-7-13, which are set out in the reverse of the Licence.

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Original signed by:

C. van Wermeskerken, Commissioner

ISSUED: November 1, 2013

EXPIRES: October 31, 2014

(1) As described in the Rules for Gas Marketers

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