



**ORDER NUMBER
G-114-18**

IN THE MATTER OF
the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

Recovery of British Columbia Utilities Commission Costs
for the 2018/19 Fiscal Year

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Commissioner
K. A. Keilty, Commissioner

on June 19, 2018

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 125 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) enables the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to recover its expenses, arising from the administration of the UCA, in each fiscal year commencing April 1 and to fix and collect levies from public utilities and other persons so defined. BC Regulation 283/88 dated July 29, 1988, authorizes the BCUC to collect and retain all levies collected under the BC Regulation 283/88 and to base the amount of a levy on the value and the volume of the energy transmitted or distributed or the service furnished;
- B. The 2018/19 BCUC budget supports the BCUC Business Plan. On April 6, 2018, the BCUC sent a notice of the BCUC 2018/19 budget to the regulated entities with the opportunity to comment;
- C. The current year's levy for recovering BCUC expenses is based on its 2018/19 approved budget less the BCUC's over-recovery of \$464,946 from 2017/18. That figure is then divided by the total energy sales of the regulated energy utilities for the calendar year 2017;
- D. The BCUC's recovery of its apportioned costs to the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia requires a different method of cost recovery rather than by way of a levy on energy sales and the amount of \$700,000 per fiscal year was previously established; and
- E. The BCUC will recover its expenses from the levy calculation on a quarterly basis and may adjust the fourth quarter billing in order to account for variances from budgeted revenues received during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 125 of the *Utilities Commission Act* and BC Regulation 283/88, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A levy, at the rate of \$0.0258730552 per GJ equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 2017 shall be paid by, and collected from, the public utilities, as set out in Appendix A attached to this order, for the recovery of BCUC expenses in the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2018.
2. The following public utilities are required to pay the levy fixed for the 2018/19 fiscal year, to be billed in installments, as set out in Appendix A attached to this order.
3. The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia shall pay the BCUC's 2018/19 fiscal year allocated budgeted expenses of \$700,000 in quarterly installments.
4. The BCUC's cost recovery for the 2018/19 fiscal year will be reviewed in the last quarter to ensure the apportioned costs to all regulated entities are appropriate and may make necessary adjustments at that time.
5. Pursuant to BC Regulation 283/88 and Letter L-39-96, the following upstream natural gas processors and intraprovincial oil pipelines shall pay the following amounts for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2018:

Canadian Natural Resources Limited	\$1,000
Canadian Natural Resources Limited – Inga Oil Pipeline	\$1,000
Canadian Natural Resources Limited – Midwinter, Peggo, Tooga	\$3,000
Trans Mountain (Jet Fuel) Inc.	\$1,000
Plateau Pipeline Limited	\$5,000
Enbridge Inc. (merged with Spectra Energy Midstream Corporation)	\$6,000

6. The cost recovery revenue from natural gas marketers for the residential and commercial unbundling program for the 2018/19 fiscal year is estimated to be \$6,000.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of June 2018.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION - 2018/19 LEVY CALCULATION

A	B	C	D	E	F	I	J	K	L
Utility	Regulated Sales \$	Regulated Volume	Unit	Converted To GJ	2018/19 Annual Assessment \$	Billing Q1	Billing Q2	Billing Q3	Billing Q4 ²
Electric									
B.C. Hydro & Power Authority ²	4,828,235,811	51,283.15	GWh	184,619,322	4,776,665.91	1,194,166.48	1,194,166.48	1,194,166.48	1,194,166.47
Nelson Hydro	7,466,032	68.44	GWh	246,393	6,374.94	1,593.74	1,593.74	1,593.74	1,593.72
FortisBC Inc. ²	315,026,065	2,714.12	GWh	9,770,832	252,801.28	63,200.32	63,200.32	63,200.32	63,200.32
Hemlock Utility Services Ltd.	339,497	2.23	GWh	8,035	207.89	51.97	51.97	51.97	51.98
Kyuquot Power Ltd.	413,978	1.64	GWh	5,917	153.09	38.27	38.27	38.27	38.28
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation	99,183	1.27	GWh	4,585	118.63	29.66	29.66	29.66	29.65
CORIX Sun Rivers & Sonoma Pines (Electric)	2,162,365	18.72	GWh	67,386	1,743.48	435.87	435.87	435.87	435.87
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd. (Lower Post)	137,980	0.89	GWh	3,218	83.26	20.82	20.82	20.82	20.80
Gas									
FortisBC Energy Inc.									
Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, Whistler, Revelstoke	1,216,195,693	220,094	TJ	220,094,480	5,694,516.63	1,423,629.16	1,423,629.16	1,423,629.16	1,423,629.15
Fort Nelson Division	3,623,279	532	TJ	532,025	13,765.11	3,441.28	3,441.28	3,441.28	3,441.27
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.									
Dawson Creek and Fort St. John	24,764,778	4,512,931	GJ	4,512,931	116,763.31	29,190.83	29,190.83	29,190.83	29,190.82
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.									
Tumbler Ridge	1,954,595	601,701	GJ	601,701	15,567.84	3,891.96	3,891.96	3,891.96	3,891.96
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (includes Granisle Grid)	43,999,724	4,908,512	GJ	4,908,512	126,998.20	31,749.55	31,749.55	31,749.55	31,749.55
CORIX Multi-Utility Services									
Sun Rivers (gas), Panorama & Sonoma Pines	1,158,888	77,634	GJ	77,634	2,008.63	502.16	502.16	502.16	502.15
CalGas - Kickinghorse/Canyon Ridge	312,880	22,474	GJ	22,474	581.47	145.37	145.37	145.37	145.36
Big White Gas Utility	1,179,248	49,766	GJ	49,766	1,287.60	321.90	321.90	321.90	321.90
Sun Peaks Utilities	1,673,960	98,376	GJ	98,376	2,545.29	636.32	636.32	636.32	636.33
Superior Propane (Seascapes)	169,885	6,438	GJ	6,438	166.57	41.64	41.64	41.64	41.65
Stargas Utilities Ltd.	232,719	45,520	GJ	45,520	1,177.74	294.44	294.44	294.44	294.42
Thermal									
Stream A Thermal Energy Utilities									
FortisBC Alternative Energy Services									
Flatiron	132,253	2,866	GJ	2,866	74.15	18.54	18.54	18.54	18.53
Pomaria	93,385	4,732	GJ	4,732	122.43	30.61	30.61	30.61	30.60
The Hudson	60,513	5,515	GJ	5,515	142.69	35.67	35.67	35.67	35.68
Alysen Place	115,762	8,428	GJ	8,428	218.06	54.52	54.52	54.52	54.50
Waterstone Pier	114,000	5,863	GJ	5,863	151.69	37.92	37.92	37.92	37.93
Seylynn Phase 1	289,789	6,986	GJ	6,986	180.75	45.19	45.19	45.19	45.18
Marine Gateway	1,475,720	38,464	GJ	38,464	995.18	248.80	248.80	248.80	248.78
SOLO Phase 1	997,796	27,209	GJ	27,209	703.98	176.00	176.00	176.00	175.98
Empire at QE Park	226,865	7,144	GJ	7,144	184.84	46.21	46.21	46.21	46.21
Aperture	50,902	1,631	GJ	1,631	42.20	10.55	10.55	10.55	10.55
Seylynn Phase 2	0	0	GJ	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Modello	132,275	3,826	GJ	3,826	98.99	24.75	24.75	24.75	24.74
SOLO II Altus	54,454	2,409	GJ	2,409	62.33	15.58	15.58	15.58	15.59
CORIX Multi-Utility Services									
Belmonte Central Energy Plant/Sun Rivers Resort Community	77,208	6,846	GJ	6,846	177.13	44.28	44.28	44.28	44.29
Talasa Central Energy Plant/Sun Rivers Resort Community	148,692	7,232	GJ	7,232	187.11	46.78	46.78	46.78	46.77
Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.									
188 Keefer Street	42,308	981	GJ	981	25.38	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.33
1480 Howe Street	0	0	GJ	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2200 Kingsway	0	0	GJ	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Connect TES (Richmond) Holdings Inc.									
The Pier and Parc Riviera	377,523	31,639	GJ	31,639	818.60	204.65	204.65	204.65	204.65
Stream B Thermal Energy Utilities									
FortisBC Alternative Energy Services									
Delta School District #37	407,423	24,428	GJ	24,428	632.03	158.01	158.01	158.01	158.00
Artemisia	24,148	1,141	GJ	1,141	29.52	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.38
Sovereign	872,018	27,072	GJ	27,072	700.44	175.11	175.11	175.11	175.11
Tsawwassen Springs	61,127	3,127	GJ	3,127	80.91	20.23	20.23	20.23	20.22
Glen Valley	62,358	3,200	GJ	3,200	82.79	20.70	20.70	20.70	20.69
Brant	17,764	909	GJ	909	23.52	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88
Camden Green	31,631	1,523	GJ	1,523	39.40	9.85	9.85	9.85	9.85
Helen Gorman	23,127	915	GJ	915	23.67	5.92	5.92	5.92	5.91
Telus Garden	2,017,444	52,558	GJ	52,558	1,359.84	339.96	339.96	339.96	339.96
CORIX Multi-Utility Services									
UniverCity NUS	1,091,879	36,824	GJ	36,824	952.75	238.19	238.19	238.19	238.18
UBC	595,109	20,470	GJ	20,470	529.62	132.41	132.41	132.41	132.39
Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (formerly CHDL)	9,817,442	1,514,853	GJ	1,514,853	39,193.88	9,798.47	9,798.47	9,798.47	9,798.47
Dockside Green Energy	217,958	7,293	GJ	7,293	188.69	47.17	47.17	47.17	47.18
River District Energy	411,695	13,630	GJ	13,630	352.65	88.16	88.16	88.16	88.17
Shannon Wall Centre Rental Apartments	290,302	5,885	GJ	5,885	152.26	38.07	38.07	38.07	38.05
Mandatory Auto Insurance									
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia						175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
TOTAL									
				427,551,144	11,062,054.35	2,765,513.65	2,765,513.65	2,765,513.65	2,765,513.40
2018/19 BCUC Forecasted Expenditures									
				\$12,000,000.00					
				\$1,150,000.00					
				-\$900,000.00					
				-\$464,945.65					
				11,785,054.35					
Less Fixed Annual Fees:									
				Natural Gas Marketers	-\$6,000.00				
				Intra-Provincial Oil Pipeline Companies & Upstream Gas Processors	-\$17,000.00				
				Insurance Corporation of British Columbia	-\$700,000.00				
				2018/19 Net Forecasted Expenditures to be recovered	\$11,062,054.35				
Levy Calculation:									
				\$11,062,054.35					
Units of Energy Sold in Calendar 2017				427,551,144	=	\$0.0258730552 /GJ			