



ORDER NUMBER
G-134-20

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

and

Recovery of British Columbia Utilities Commission Costs
for the 2020/21 Fiscal Year

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Commissioner
A. K. Fung, QC, Commissioner

on June 3, 2020

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 current year's levy for recovering BCUC expenses is based on its 2020/2021 approved budget of \$16,468,567 less the BCUC's over-recovery of \$593,048 from 2019/20. The resulting net amount of \$15,875,519 is apportioned to regulated and public utilities based on BC Regulation 283/88; and
- C. The BCUC will recover its expenses from the levy calculation on a quarterly basis and may adjust the fourth quarter billing to account for additional revenues received during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

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

- 1. A levy, at the rate of \$0.0315897654 per GJ equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 2019 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, 2020.
- 2. The public utilities set out in Appendix A attached to this order are required to pay the levy fixed for the first quarter of 2020/21 fiscal year, as set out in Appendix A attached to this order.
- 3. The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia shall pay the BCUC's 2020/21 fiscal year allocated budgeted expenses of \$700,000 in quarterly installments.

4. Pursuant to BC Regulation 283/88 and Letter L-39-96, the following upstream natural gas processors and intra-provincial oil pipelines shall pay the following amounts for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2020:

Canadian Natural Resources Limited	\$1,000
Canadian Natural Resources Limited – Inga Oil Pipeline	\$1,000
Canadian Natural Resources Limited – Midwinter, Peggo, Tooga	\$3,000
Pembina Kinder Morgan – Trans Mountain (Jet Fuel) Inc.	\$1,000
Plateau Pipeline Limited	\$5,000
NorthRiver Midstream Inc.	\$6,000

5. The cost recovery revenue for the residential and commercial unbundling program for the 2020/21 fiscal year is \$1,000 per natural gas marketer.
6. The BCUC's cost recovery for the 2020/21 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.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of June 2020.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION - 2020/21 LEVY CALCULATION									
A	B	C	D	E	F	I	J	K	L
Utility	Regulated Sales \$	Regulated Volume	Unit	Converted To GJ	2020/21 Annual Assessment \$	Billing Q1	Billing Q2	Billing Q3	Billing Q4 ¹
Electric									
B.C. Hydro & Power Authority	4,996,649,415	50,660.32	GWh	182,377,158	5,761,251.64	1,440,312.91	1,440,312.91	1,440,312.91	1,440,312.91
Nelson Hydro	7,548,528	65.20	GWh	234,720	7,414.75	1,853.69	1,853.69	1,853.69	1,853.68
FortisBC Inc.	318,687,657	2,739.00	GWh	9,860,400	311,487.72	77,871.93	77,871.93	77,871.93	77,871.93
Hemlock Utility Services Ltd.	448,103	2.79	GWh	10,045	317.32	79.33	79.33	79.33	79.33
Kyuquot Power Ltd.	420,706	1.66	GWh	5,978	188.84	47.21	47.21	47.21	47.21
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation	110,788	0.17	GWh	595	18.80	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.70
CORIX Sun Rivers & Sonoma Pines (Electric)	2,092,667	20	GWh	70,438	2,225.12	556.28	556.28	556.28	556.28
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd. (Lower Post)	127,284	1	GWh	2,885	91.14	22.79	22.79	22.79	22.77
Gas									
FortisBC Energy Inc.									
Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, Whistler, Revelstoke	1,296,587,685	226,120,527	GJ	226,120,527	7,143,094.41	1,785,773.60	1,785,773.60	1,785,773.60	1,785,773.61
Fort Nelson Division	3,049,637	516,907	GJ	516,907	16,328.97	4,082.24	4,082.24	4,082.24	4,082.25
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.									
Dawson Creek and Fort St. John	23,962,320	4,714,118	GJ	4,714,118	148,917.88	37,229.47	37,229.47	37,229.47	37,229.47
Tumbler Ridge	2,188,589	687,392	GJ	687,392	21,714.55	5,428.64	5,428.64	5,428.64	5,428.63
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (includes Granisle Grid)	43,094,343	5,070,642	GJ	5,070,642	160,180.39	40,045.10	40,045.10	40,045.10	40,045.09
CORIX Multi-Utility Services									
Sun Rivers (gas), Panorama & Sonoma Pines	1,278,319	81,901	GJ	81,901	2,587.23	646.81	646.81	646.81	646.80
CalGas - Kicking Horse & Canyon Ridge									
Kicking Horse & Canyon Ridge	310,908	24,313	GJ	24,313	768.04	192.01	192.01	192.01	192.01
Big White Gas Utility	1,280,887	53,595	GJ	53,595	1,693.05	423.26	423.26	423.26	423.27
Sun Peaks Utilities	1,968,580	104,224	GJ	104,224	3,292.41	823.10	823.10	823.10	823.11
Superior Propane (Seascapes)	133,628	5,914	GJ	5,914	186.82	46.71	46.71	46.71	46.69
Stargas Utilities Ltd.	183,913	46,209	GJ	46,209	1,459.73	364.93	364.93	364.93	364.94
Thermal									
Stream A Thermal Energy Utilities									
FortisBC Alternative Energy Services									
Flatiron	132,253	2,866	GJ	2,866	90.54	22.64	22.64	22.64	22.62
Pomaria	93,385	4,732	GJ	4,732	149.48	37.37	37.37	37.37	37.37
The Hudson	60,513	5,515	GJ	5,515	174.22	43.56	43.56	43.56	43.54
Alysen Place	115,762	8,428	GJ	8,428	266.24	66.56	66.56	66.56	66.56
Waterstone Pier	114,000	5,863	GJ	5,863	185.21	46.30	46.30	46.30	46.31
Seyllyn Phase I	269,170	5,930	GJ	5,930	187.33	46.83	46.83	46.83	46.84
Marine Gateway	1,303,389	38,078	GJ	38,078	1,202.88	300.72	300.72	300.72	300.72
SOLO Phase I	774,357	15,593	GJ	15,593	492.58	123.15	123.15	123.15	123.13
Empire at QE Park	248,597	7,343	GJ	7,343	231.96	57.99	57.99	57.99	57.99
Aperture	167,724	4,260	GJ	4,260	134.57	33.64	33.64	33.64	33.65
Seyllyn Phase II	195,373	5,930	GJ	5,930	187.33	46.83	46.83	46.83	46.84
Modello	392,224	10,382	GJ	10,382	327.96	81.99	81.99	81.99	81.99
SOLO II Altus	725,134	18,850	GJ	18,850	595.47	148.87	148.87	148.87	148.86
Chard Ellsworth	116,388	3,402	GJ	3,402	107.47	26.87	26.87	26.87	26.86
Seyllyn Phase III	313,648	9,539	GJ	9,539	301.33	75.33	75.33	75.33	75.34
Lynn Valley I	147,236	4,270	GJ	4,270	134.89	33.72	33.72	33.72	33.73
Milano	235,606	6,998	GJ	6,998	221.07	55.27	55.27	55.27	55.26
Mahogany	123,300	3,646	GJ	3,646	115.18	28.80	28.80	28.80	28.78
Artemisia	28,198	1,026	GJ	1,026	32.41	8.10	8.10	8.10	8.11
Sovereign	811,817	29,326	GJ	29,326	926.40	231.60	231.60	231.60	231.60
Tsawwassen Springs	61,127	3,127	GJ	3,127	98.78	24.70	24.70	24.70	24.68
Glen Valley	62,358	3,200	GJ	3,200	101.09	25.27	25.27	25.27	25.28
Brant	17,764	909	GJ	909	28.72	7.18	7.18	7.18	7.18
Camden Green	31,631	1,523	GJ	1,523	48.11	12.03	12.03	12.03	12.02
Helen Gorman	23,127	915	GJ	915	28.90	7.23	7.23	7.23	7.21
Telus Garden	2,309,423	55,180	GJ	55,180	1,743.12	435.78	435.78	435.78	435.78
Imperial	92,313	2,747	GJ	2,747	86.78	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.68
CORIX Multi-Utility Services									
Belmonte Central Energy Plant/Sun Rivers Resort Community	112,680	8,996	GJ	8,996	284.18	71.05	71.05	71.05	71.03
Talasa Central Energy Plant/Sun Rivers Resort Community	152,922	7,232	GJ	7,232	228.46	57.12	57.12	57.12	57.10
Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.									
188 Keefer Street	131,058	11,974	GJ	11,974	378.26	94.57	94.57	94.57	94.55
1480 Howe Street	181,674	9,565	GJ	9,565	302.16	75.54	75.54	75.54	75.54
2200 Kingsway	513,442	129,715	GJ	129,715	4,097.67	1,024.42	1,024.42	1,024.42	1,024.41
1770 Pendrill Street	44,663	4,522	GJ	4,522	142.85	35.71	35.71	35.71	35.72
Connect TES (Richmond) Holdings Inc.									
The Pier and Parc Riviera	490,743	27,292	GJ	27,292	862.15	215.54	215.54	215.54	215.53
BCP Energy Utility Company Ltd.	1,092,009	21,969	GJ	21,969	694.00	173.50	173.50	173.50	173.50
Vancouver Cambie Parc Holdings Inc.									
Parc Elise	156,378	3,332	GJ	3,332	105.26	26.32	26.32	26.32	26.30
Vancouver Kingsway Holdings Inc.									
The Independent	284,352	9,154	GJ	9,154	289.17	72.29	72.29	72.29	72.30
Vancouver Parc 26 Holdings Inc.									
Parc 26	84,785	1,733	GJ	1,733	54.75	13.69	13.69	13.69	13.68
Stream B Thermal Energy Utilities									
FortisBC Alternative Energy Services									
Delta School District #37	708,433	23,136	GJ	23,136	730.86	182.72	182.72	182.72	182.70
CORIX Multi-Utility Services									
UniverCity NUS	1,349,401	43,128	GJ	43,128	1,362.40	340.60	340.60	340.60	340.60
UBC Neighbourhood Energy System	1,265,433	41,558	GJ	41,558	1,312.81	328.20	328.20	328.20	328.21
Dockside Green Energy	480,542	7,799	GJ	7,799	246.37	61.59	61.59	61.59	61.60
Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.									
Vancouver	8,614,359	1,420,840	GJ	1,420,840	44,884.00	11,221.00	11,221.00	11,221.00	11,221.00
Northeast False Creek NES	1,447,222	63,660	GJ	63,660	2,011.00	502.75	502.75	502.75	502.75
South Downtown NES	245,827	5,116	GJ	5,116	161.61	40.40	40.40	40.40	40.41
River District Energy	1,333,000	45,083	GJ	45,083	1,424.16	356.04	356.04	356.04	356.04
Shannon Wall Centre Rental Apartments	670,713	16,718	GJ	16,718	528.12	132.03	132.03	132.03	132.03
Mandatory Auto Insurance									
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia						175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
TOTAL					432,150,061	13,651,519.07	3,412,879.82	3,412,879.82	3,412,879.82
2020/21 BCUC Forecasted Expenditures									
2020/21 BCUC Forecasted IT Strategic Initiatives		16,468,567							
2020/21 BCUC Forecasted Direct Recoveries		(1,500,000)							
Plus: 2019/20 Over-Recovery (Credit)		(593,048)							
		<u>14,375,519</u>							
Less Fixed Annual Fees:									
Natural Gas Marketers		(7,000)							
Intra-Provincial Oil Pipeline Companies & Upstream Gas Processors		(17,000)							
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia		(700,000)							
2020/21 Net Forecasted Expenditures to be recovered		<u>13,651,519</u>							
Levy Calculation:									
Units of Energy Sold in Calendar 2019		432,150,061							
					<u>\$0.0315897654</u> /GJ				