



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-4-22**

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

and

Resort Gas Ltd.  
Gas Cost Reconciliation Account and Commodity Rate Increase

**BEFORE:**

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair  
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner  
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

January 10, 2022

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On December 8, 2021, on behalf of Resort Gas Ltd. (Resort Gas), Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) a Gas Cost Reconciliation Account (GCRA) report, which includes actual and projected GCRA balances (GCRA Report), and requested an increase of \$9.84 per gigajoule (GJ) in the Total Gas Commodity Charge from the current rate of \$14.00/GJ to \$23.94/GJ for each rate group (Residential, Small Commercial and Large Commercial), effective January 1, 2022 (Application);
- B. By Order G-193-21 dated June 24, 2021, the BCUC set Resort Gas's commodity rates as follows for each rate group (Residential, Small Commercial and Large Commercial), effective July 1, 2021 (Existing Commodity Rates):

| Gas Commodity Charges          | Rate (per GJ) |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Gas Commodity Charge – Propane | \$13.60       |
| Gas Commodity Charge – Storage | \$1.90        |
| Gas Commodity Charge – GCRA    | (\$1.50)      |
| Total Gas Commodity Charge     | \$14.00       |

- C. The requested \$9.84/GJ increase in the Total Gas Commodity Charge comprises of:
- An increase in the Gas Commodity Charge – Propane from \$13.60/GJ to 21.41/GJ;
  - An increase in the Gas Commodity Charge – Storage from \$1.90/GJ to 2.03/GJ; and
  - An increase in the Gas Commodity Charge – GCRA from (\$1.50/GJ) to 0.50/GJ;

- D. The requested increase arises as a result of current and forecast propane commodity, transportation and storage costs; current and forecast propane consumption levels; and the amortization of the outstanding Commodity and Storage portions of the GCRA over a 12-month period;
- E. The requested rate changes using current delivery rates would result in an increase in the annual bill before taxes of \$178.92 for an average townhouse consuming 18 GJ annually and \$844.90 for an average single-family house residential customer consuming 85 GJ annually;
- F. By Order G-380-21 dated December 16, 2021, the BCUC initiated a public hearing process and established a regulatory timetable for review of the Application; and
- G. The BCUC has determined that further process is warranted for the review of the Application.

**NOW THEREFORE** the BCUC orders the regulatory timetable attached to Order G-380-21 is amended as set out in Appendix A to this order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

T. A. Loski  
Commissioner

Attachment

Resort Gas Ltd.  
Gas Cost Reconciliation Account and Commodity Rate Increase

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

---

| Action                                                       | Date (2022)          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Intervener Registration                                      | Tuesday, January 18  |
| BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to Resort Gas            | Tuesday, January 25  |
| Intervener IR No. 1 to Resort Gas                            | Tuesday, February 1  |
| Resort Gas response to BCUC IR No. 1 and Intervener IR No. 1 | Tuesday, February 15 |
| Further Process                                              | To be determined     |