



**ORDER NUMBER
G-82-17**

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

and

Recovery of British Columbia Utilities Commission Costs
for the 2017/18 Fiscal Year

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Commissioner
D. J. Enns, Commissioner
W. M. Everett, Commissioner
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner
M. Kresivo, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner
R. D. Revel, Commissioner

on May 25, 2017

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 125 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the Act) enables the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) to recover its expenses arising from the administration of the Act, in each fiscal year commencing April 1 and to fix and collect levies from public utilities and other persons so defined. B.C. Regulation 283/88 dated July 29, 1988, authorizes the Commission to collect and retain all levies collected under the Regulation 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 Commission expenses is based on its 2017/18 approved budget less the Commission's over-recovery of \$1,233,032 from 2016/17. That figure is then divided by the total energy sales of the regulated energy utilities for the calendar year 2016;
- C. The Commission'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
- D. The Commission will recover its expenses from the levy calculation on a quarterly basis and may adjust the fourth quarter billing in order to account for additional revenues received during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 125 of the *Utilities Commission Act* and B.C. Regulation 283/88, the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

1. A levy, at the rate of \$0.0178988916 per gigajoule equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 2016 shall be paid by, and collected from, the public utilities listed in Appendix A attached to this order for the recovery of Commission expenses in the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2017.
2. The public utilities are required to pay the levy fixed for the 2017/18 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 Commission's 2017/18 fiscal year allocated budgeted expenses of \$700,000 in quarterly installments.
4. The Commission's cost recovery for the 2017/18 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 Levy 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, 2016:

Canadian Natural Resources Limited	\$1,000
Canadian Natural Resources Limited – Inga Oil Pipeline	\$1,000
Trans Mountain (Jet Fuel) Inc.	\$1,000
Plateau Pipeline Ltd.	
- Blueberry	\$1,000
- Northeast BC & Boundary Lake	\$1,000
- Sunset Prairie	\$1,000
- Taylor to Dawson Creek	\$1,000
- Western System	\$1,000
Spectra Energy Midstream Corporation	
(Boundary Lake, Jedney I, Jedney II, Midwinter, Peggo, Sunrise, Tooga, West Doe & Hwy Processing & Pipeline Facilities, West Doe & Hwy Transportation & Processing Facilities)	\$10,000

6. The cost recovery revenue from natural gas marketers for the residential and commercial unbundling program for the 2017/18 fiscal year is estimated to be \$9,000.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 2nd day of June 2017.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION - 2017/18 LEVY CALCULATION

A	B	C	D	E	F	I	J	K	L
Utility	Regulated Sales \$	Regulated Volume	Unit	Converted To GJ	2017/18 Annual Assessment \$	Billing Q1	Billing Q2	Billing Q3	Billing Q4 ³
Electric									
B.C. Hydro & Power Authority ²	4,466,039,937.00	49,555.00	GW.h	178,398,000	3,193,126.47	798,281.62	798,281.62	798,281.62	798,281.61
City of Grand Forks	4,167,000	34.80							
City of Nelson (Urban)	10,168,662.00	92.40							
City of Nelson (Rural)	6,679,968.15	63.20	GW.h	228,000	4,080.95	1,020.24	1,020.24	1,020.24	1,020.23
City of New Westminster	43,889,000.00	432.70							
City of Penticton	43,668,576.87	318.44							
District of Summerland	10,165,750.00	80.88							
FortisBC Inc. ²	290,644,119.45	2,568.00	GW.h	9,245,000	165,475.25	41,368.81	41,368.81	41,368.81	41,368.82
Hemlock Utility Services Ltd.	234,388.00	1.82	GW.h	7,000	125.29	31.32	31.32	31.32	31.33
Kyuquot Power Ltd.	370,305.11	1.48	GW.h	5,000	89.49	22.37	22.37	22.37	22.38
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation	43,064.28	1.13	GW.h	4,000	71.60	17.90	17.90	17.90	17.90
CORIX Sun Rivers & Sonoma Pines (Electric)	1,858,418.00	16.75	GW.h	60,000	1,073.93	268.48	268.48	268.48	268.49
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd. (Lower Post)	136,220.00	0.88	GW.h	3,000	53.70	13.43	13.43	13.43	13.41
Gas									
FortisBC Energy Inc.									
Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, Whistler, Revelstoke	1,120,031,544.00	196,418.57	TJ	196,418,570	3,515,674.70	878,918.68	878,918.68	878,918.68	878,918.66
Fort Nelson Division	2,818,078.00	539.92	TJ	539,923	9,664.02	2,416.01	2,416.01	2,416.01	2,415.99
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.									
Dawson Creek and Fort St. John	19,912,988.00	3,833,901	GJ	3,833,901	68,622.58	17,155.65	17,155.65	17,155.65	17,155.63
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.									
Tumbler Ridge	1,692,483.00	712,865	GJ	712,865	12,759.49	3,189.87	3,189.87	3,189.87	3,189.88
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (includes Granisle Grid)	40,319,666.00	4,327,119	GJ	4,327,119	77,450.63	19,362.66	19,362.66	19,362.66	19,362.65
CORIX Multi-Utility Services									
Sun Rivers (gas), Panorama & Sonoma Pines	1,065,941.00	64,981.00	GJ	64,981	1,163.09	290.77	290.77	290.77	290.78
CalGas - Kickinghorse/Canyon Ridge	183,099.23	19,622.20	GJ	19,622	351.22	87.81	87.81	87.81	87.79
Big White Gas Utility	894,320.52	44,887.14	GJ	44,887	803.43	200.86	200.86	200.86	200.85
Port Alice Gas Inc.	284,849.00	8,261.63	GJ	8,262	147.87	36.97	36.97	36.97	36.96
Sun Peaks Utilities	1,299,461.00	79,952.00	GJ	79,952	1,431.05	357.76	357.76	357.76	357.77
Superior Propane (Seascapes)	103,181.77	5,295.26	GJ	5,295	94.78	23.70	23.70	23.70	23.68
Stargas Utilities Ltd.	153,507.78	42,352.90	GJ	42,353	758.07	189.52	189.52	189.52	189.51
Thermal									
FortisBC Alternative Energy Services									
Delta School District #37	378,070.00	16,595.00	GJ	16,595	297.03	74.26	74.26	74.26	74.25
Artemisia	23,706.00	874.00	GJ	874	15.64	3.91	3.91	3.91	3.91
Sovereign	878,861.00	28,381.00	GJ	28,381	507.99	127.00	127.00	127.00	126.99
Tsawwassen Springs	59,677.00	3,127.00	GJ	3,127	55.97	13.99	13.99	13.99	14.00
Glen Valley	61,065.00	3,200.00	GJ	3,200	57.28	14.32	14.32	14.32	14.32
Brant	17,340.00	909.00	GJ	909	16.27	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.06
Camden Green	30,970.00	1,523.00	GJ	1,523	27.26	6.82	6.82	6.82	6.80
Helen Gorman	22,673.00	915.00	GJ	915	16.38	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.08
Telus Garden	700,592.00	22,124.00	GJ	22,124	396.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00
Flatiron	131,746.00	2,866.00	GJ	2,866	51.30	12.83	12.83	12.83	12.81
Pomaria	92,005.00	4,732.00	GJ	4,732	84.70	21.18	21.18	21.18	21.16
The Hudson	59,153.00	5,515.00	GJ	5,515	98.71	24.68	24.68	24.68	24.67
Alysen Place	115,762.00	8,428.00	GJ	8,428	150.85	37.71	37.71	37.71	37.72
Watersstone Pier	114,000.00	5,863.00	GJ	5,863	104.94	26.24	26.24	26.24	26.22
Seyllyn Phase 1	175,699.00	5,272.00	GJ	5,272	94.36	23.59	23.59	23.59	23.59
Marine Gateway	1,022,120.00	32,277.00	GJ	32,277	577.72	144.43	144.43	144.43	144.43
SOLO Phase 1	629,772.00	20,064.00	GJ	20,064	359.12	89.78	89.78	89.78	89.78
Empire at QE Park	143,423.00	4,529.00	GJ	4,529	81.06	20.27	20.27	20.27	20.25
Corix									
UniverCity NUS	739,339.00	20,355.62	GJ	20,356	364.34	91.09	91.09	91.09	91.07
UBC	257,438.00	8,950.61	GJ	8,951	160.21	40.05	40.05	40.05	40.06
Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (formerly CHDL)	8,290,725.00	1,286,445.00	GJ	1,286,445	23,025.94	5,756.49	5,756.49	5,756.49	5,756.47
Dockside Green Energy	191,807.00	6,027.18	GJ	6,027	107.88	26.97	26.97	26.97	26.97
River District Energy	292,316.67	8,996.00	GJ	8,996	161.02	40.26	40.26	40.26	40.24
Shannon Wall Centre Rental Apartments	56,904.84	7,732.31	GJ	7,732	138.40	34.60	34.60	34.60	34.60
Mandatory Auto Insurance									
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia						175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
TOTAL				395,553,431	7,079,967.98	1,944,992.07	1,944,992.07	1,944,992.07	1,944,991.77
2017/18 BCUC Forecast Expenses \$9,390,000.00 2017/18 BCUC Forecast - Information Technology Strategic \$900,000.00 2017/18 BCUC Forecasted Direct Recoveries -\$1,250,000.00 Plus: 2016/17 Over Recovery (Credit) -1,233,032.00 7,806,968.00 BCUC Less Fixed Annual Fees: Natural Gas Marketers -9,000.00 Intra-Provincial Oil Pipeline Companies & Upstream Gas Processors -18,000.00 Insurance Corporation of British Columbia -700,000.00 2017/18 Net Forecast Expenses to be recovered \$7,079,968.00 Levy Calculation: \$7,079,968.00 Units of Energy Sold in Calendar 2016 395,553,431 = \$0.0178988916 /GJ									