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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-64-98

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

and

Recovery of Commission Costs

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair ) July 9, 1998  
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner )  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Section 125 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") enables the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") to recover its expenses arising in each fiscal year commencing April 1, from the administration of the Act, 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
- B. The recovery of expenses is based on the Commission's approved 1998/99 budget net of its carried forward 1997/98 credit and anticipated recoveries in the current fiscal year; and
- C. For public utilities, the amount of the levy will be calculated based on the volume of energy transmitted or distributed in the calendar year ending December 31, 1997 and will be billed by the Commission on a quarterly basis; and
- D. The Commission may adjust the fourth quarter fiscal year billing to utilities to account for additional revenue received or expenses incurred, during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A levy, at the rate of \$0.0070404 per GJ equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 1997, shall be paid by, and collected from, the public utilities listed below for the recovery of Commission expenses in the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1998.

2. The following public utilities shall be billed and shall pay the levy fixed for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1998 in installments for the second, third and fourth quarters as set out in the attached Appendix.

Electric Utilities

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
Princeton Light and Power Company, Limited  
West Kootenay Power Ltd.  
The Corporation of the City of Nelson  
Hemlock Valley Electrical Services Limited  
The Yukon Electrical Company Limited  
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation

Gas Utilities

BC Gas Utility Ltd.  
Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.  
Centra Gas Whistler Inc.  
Centra Gas Fort St. John Inc.  
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.  
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.  
Squamish Gas Co. Ltd.  
Haywood Energy Corp.

Steam Heat Utility

Central Heat Distribution Limited

3. Pursuant to Levy Regulation 283/88 and Letter No. 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, 1998:

Westcoast Gas Services Inc.	\$1,000
Novagas Canada Ltd.	\$1,000
Federated Pipe Lines (Western) Ltd.	\$1,000
Morrison Petroleums Ltd.	\$3,000
Newcal Energy Inc.	\$1,000
Trans Mountain Enterprises of British Columbia Limited	\$1,000

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16th day of July, 1998.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair

Attachment

B.C. UTILITIES COMMISSION - 1998/99 LEVY CALCULATION

Utility	Regulated Sales \$	Regulated Volume	Unit	Converted To GJ	Annual Assessment \$	Last Year's Credit Carried Forward <sup>1</sup>	Net Payable for Fiscal Year 98/99	Billing Q2 <sup>2</sup>	Assessment Q3 <sup>3</sup>	Assessment Q4	Total to be Billed
B.C. Hydro & Power Authority	2,139,650,000	43,184.98	GW.h	155,460,000	1,094,501	(539,135)	555,366	8,115	273,625	273,626	555,366
City of Nelson	3,841,000	61.88	GW.h	223,000	1,570	(773)	797	11	393	393	797
Hemlock Valley	197,000	1.45	GW.h	5,000	35	(17)	18	1	9	8	18
Princeton Light & Power	3,523,000	54.76	GW.h	197,000	1,387	(683)	704	11	347	346	704
West Kootenay Power	91,286,000	1,741.44	GW.h	6,269,000	44,136	(21,741)	22,395	327	11,034	11,034	22,395
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation	38,000	0.36	GW.h	1,000	7	(3)	4	1	2	1	4
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd.	105,000	0.75	GW.h	3,000	21	(10)	11	0	5	6	11
BC Gas Utility Ltd.											
Lower Mainland Division	552,800,000	122,423,000.00	GJ	122,423,000	861,907	(424,563)	437,344	6,391	215,477	215,476	437,344
Inland Division	168,670,000	62,002,000.00	GJ	62,002,000	436,519	(215,023)	221,496	3,237	109,130	109,129	221,496
Columbia Division	19,526,000	8,443,000.00	GJ	8,443,000	59,442	(29,280)	30,162	442	14,860	14,860	30,162
Fort Nelson Division	1,992,000	883,000.00	GJ	883,000	6,217	(3,062)	3,155	46	1,554	1,555	3,155
Squamish Gas Division	2,576,000	348,000.00	GJ	348,000	2,450	(1,207)	1,243	19	612	612	1,243
Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.											
Vancouver Island, Powell River and Sunshine Coast areas	79,122,000	25,244,000.00	GJ	25,244,000	177,728	(87,546)	90,182	1,318	44,432	44,432	90,182
Centra Gas Fort St. John Inc. (PNG)	9,003,000	2,843,000.00	GJ	2,843,000	20,016	(9,860)	10,156	148	5,004	5,004	10,156
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.	6,102,000	1,743,000.00	GJ	1,743,000	12,271	(6,045)	6,226	91	3,068	3,067	6,226
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.	60,413,000	37,709,000.00	GJ	37,709,000	265,486	(130,775)	134,711	1,969	66,371	66,371	134,711
Centra Gas Whistler Inc.	5,192,000	475,000.00		475,000	3,344	(1,647)	1,697	25	836	836	1,697
Haywood Energy - Port Alice	259,000	19,000.00	GJ	19,000	134	(66)	68	0	34	34	68
Central Heat Distribution Limited	4,700,000	973,000.00	GJ	973,000	6,850	(3,374)	3,476	52	1,712	1,712	3,476
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,148,995,000</b>			<b>425,263,000</b>	<b>2,994,021</b>	<b>(1474810)</b>	<b>1,519,211</b>	<b>22,204</b>	<b>748,507</b>	<b>748,507</b>	<b>1,519,211</b>

Annual Budget less Anticipated Revenue \$3,807,000 - 813,000 = \$2,994,000

LEVY PER GJ 425,263,000GJ = \$0.0070404/GJ

1 Credit applied to 1998/99 Quarterly Assessments in 1st and 2nd Quarter.

2 Quarterly assessments that will be billed for Q2.

3 Quarterly assessments that will be billed in Q3.