



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 )  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner ) June 3, 1999  
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner )  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner )  
F.C. Leighton, 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 1999/00 budget net of its carried forward 1998/99 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, 1998 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, 2000.

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

- 1. A levy, at the rate of \$0.007203 per GJ equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 1998, 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, 1999.

2. The following public utilities shall be billed and shall pay the levy fixed for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1999 in installments 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.  
Port Alice Gas Inc.

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, 1999:

Westcoast Gas Services Inc.	\$1,000
Novagas Canada Ltd.	\$1,000
Federated Pipe Lines (Western) Ltd.	\$1,000
Morrison Petroleums Ltd.	\$1,000
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 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1999.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Lorna R. Barr  
Deputy Chair

Attachment

B.C. UTILITIES COMMISSION - 1999/00 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 99/00	Billing Q1 <sup>2</sup>	Assessment Q2 <sup>3</sup>	Assessment Q3 <sup>4</sup>	Assessment Q4	Total to be Billed
B.C. Hydro & Power Authority	2,248,000,000	64,231.30	GW.h	159,233,000	1,146,982	(154,941)	992,041	131,804	286,745	286,746	286,746	992,041
City of Nelson*	2,912,000	46.32	GW.h	167,000	1,203	(162)	1,041	139	300	301	301	1,041
Hemlock Valley*	204,000	1.39	GW.h	5,000	36	(5)	31	4	9	9	9	31
Princeton Light & Power*	3,483,000	54.68	GW.h	197,000	1,419	(192)	1,227	163	354	355	355	1,227
West Kootenay Power	92,385,000	1,743.45	GW.h	6,276,000	45,208	(6,107)	39,101	5,195	11,302	11,302	11,302	39,101
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation*	32,000	0.41	GW.h	1,000	7	(1)	6	1	1	2	2	6
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd.*	103,000	0.77	GW.h	3,000	22	(7)	15	1	4	5	5	15
BC Gas Utility Ltd.												
Lower Mainland Division	534,000,000	120,367,000.00	GJ	120,367,000	867,024	(117,123)	749,901	99,633	216,756	216,756	216,756	749,901
Inland Division	165,740,000	58,002,000.00	GJ	58,002,000	417,798	(56,439)	361,359	48,011	104,450	104,449	104,449	361,359
Columbia Division	18,539,000	7,857,000.00	GJ	7,857,000	56,595	(7,645)	48,950	6,503	14,149	14,149	14,149	48,950
Fort Nelson Division	2,331,000	975,000.00	GJ	975,000	7,023	(949)	6,074	806	1,756	1,756	1,756	6,074
Squamish Gas Division	2,378,000	326,000.00	GJ	326,000	2,348	(317)	2,031	270	587	587	587	2,031
Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.												
Vancouver Island, Powell River and Sunshine Coast areas	80,662,000	24,223,000.00	GJ	24,223,000	174,482	(23,570)	150,912	20,050	43,620	43,621	43,621	150,912
Centra Gas Fort St. John Inc. (PNG)	9,601,000	3,051,000.00	GJ	3,051,000	21,977	(2,969)	19,008	2,525	5,495	5,494	5,494	19,008
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.	6,386,000	1,781,000.00	GJ	1,781,000	12,829	(1,733)	11,096	1,475	3,207	3,207	3,207	11,096
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.	55,705,000	34,427,000.00	GJ	34,427,000	247,983	(33,499)	214,484	28,496	61,996	61,996	61,996	214,484
Centra Gas Whistler Inc.	5,998,000	549,000.00		549,000	3,955	(534)	3,421	454	989	989	989	3,421
Port Alice Gas Inc.	280,000	20,000.00	GJ	20,000	144	(19)	125	17	36	36	36	125
Central Heat Distribution Limited	4,688,000	967,000.00	GJ	967,000	6,965	(941)	6,024	801	1,741	1,741	1,741	6,024
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,233,427,000</b>	<b>252,611,078.32</b>		<b>418,427,000</b>	<b>3,014,000</b>	<b>(407,153)</b>	<b>2,606,847</b>	<b>346,348</b>	<b>753,497</b>	<b>753,501</b>	<b>753,501</b>	<b>2,606,847</b>

Annual Budget less Anticipated Revenue \$3,274,000 - 260,000 = 3,014,000 = \$0.007203/GJ

LEVY PER GJ 418,427,000

1 Credit applied to 1999/00 Q1 billing.

2 Quarterly assessments that will be billed for Q1.

3 Quarterly assessments that will be billed in Q2.

4 Quarterly assessments that will be billed in Q3 and Q4.

\* Smaller utilities which paid the 1998/99 4th quarter levy in advance of billing will be credited with this amount in the 1999/00 1st and 2nd quarter invoices.