



BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-54-00

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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 )  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner )  
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner )  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner )  
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner )

May 18, 2000

**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 2000/01 budget net of its carried forward 1999/00 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, 1999 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, 2001.

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

- 1. A levy, at the rate of \$0.006782 per GJ equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 1999, 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, 2000.

2. The following public utilities shall be billed and shall pay the levy fixed for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2000 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.  
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, 2000:

Westcoast Gas Services Inc.	\$1,000
Novagas Canada Ltd.	\$1,000
Federated Pipe Lines (Western) Ltd.	\$1,000
Nevis 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2000.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair

Attachment

B.C. UTILITIES COMMISSION - 2000/01 LEVY CALCULATION

Utility	Regulated Sales \$000	Regulated Volume	Unit	Converted To GJ	Annual Assessment \$	Last Year's Credit Carried Forward <sup>1</sup>	Net Payable for Fiscal Year 00/01	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	2,213,555	44,908.42	GW.h	161,670,000	1,096,435	50,760	1,045,675	223,349	274,109	274,109	274,109	1,045,675
City of Nelson*	3,039	48.99	GW.h	176,000	1,194	55	1,139	244	298	298	299	1,139
Hemlock Valley*	219	1.51	GW.h	5,000	34	2	32	7	8	8	9	32
Princeton Light & Power*	3,605	57.66	GW.h	208,000	1,411	65	1,346	288	353	353	353	1,346
West Kootenay Power	93,923	1,763.51	GW.h	6,349,000	43,059	1,993	41,066	8,772	10,765	10,765	10,765	41,066
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation*	16	0.23	GW.h	1,000	7	0	7	1	2	2	2	7
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd.*	104	0.78	GW.h	3,000	20	1	19	4	5	5	5	19
BC Gas Utility Ltd.												
Lower Mainland Division	619,794	132,925,000.00	GJ	132,925,000	901,488	41,734	859,754	183,638	225,372	225,372	225,372	859,754
Inland Division	190,669	59,120,000.00	GJ	59,120,000	400,948	18,562	382,386	81,675	100,237	100,237	100,237	382,386
Columbia Division	21,239	7,852,000.00	GJ	7,852,000	53,252	2,465	50,787	10,848	13,313	13,313	13,313	50,787
Fort Nelson Division	2,245	809,000.00	GJ	809,000	5,487	254	5,233	1,118	1,372	1,372	1,372	5,233
Squamish Gas Division	2,677	354,000.00	GJ	354,000	2,401	111	2,290	489	600	600	600	2,290
Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.												
Vancouver Island, Powell River and Sunshine Coast areas	90,537	27,119,000.00	GJ	27,119,000	183,919	8,515	175,404	37,465	45,980	45,980	45,980	175,404
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.												
Dawson Creek and Fort St. John	17,093	4,847,000.00	GJ	4,847,000	32,872	1,522	31,350	6,696	8,218	8,218	8,218	31,350
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.												
Tumbler Ridge	1,681	552,000.00	GJ	552,000	3,744	173	3,571	763	936	936	936	3,571
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.	58,466	37,178,000.00	GJ	37,178,000	252,139	11,673	240,466	51,362	63,035	63,035	63,035	240,466
Centra Gas Whistler Inc.	5,388	610,000.00		610,000	4,137	192	3,945	842	1,034	1,034	1,034	3,945
Port Alice Gas Inc.	263	20,000.00	GJ	20,000	136	6	130	28	34	34	34	130
Central Heat Distribution Limited	5,236	1,079,000.00	GJ	1,079,000	7,317	339	6,978	1,490	1,829	1,829	1,829	6,978
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,329,749</b>	<b>272,511,781.10</b>		<b>440,877,000</b>	<b>2,990,000</b>	<b>138,422</b>	<b>2,851,578</b>	<b>609,079</b>	<b>747,500</b>	<b>747,500</b>	<b>747,502</b>	<b>2,851,578</b>

Annual Budget less Anticipated Revenue \$3,216,000 - 226,000 = \$2,990,000 = \$0.006782/GJ  
 LEVY PER GJ 440,877,000

- 1 Credit applied to 2000/01 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 1999/00 4th quarter levy in advance of billing will be credited with this amount in the 2000/01 1st quarter invoice.