

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Order

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

and

A Filing by BC Gas Utility Ltd. of a Natural Gas Storage Agreement

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair

P.G. Bradley, Commissioner ) April 4, 2002

## ORDER

## WHEREAS:

- A. On April 2, 2002, BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") filed with the Commission a draft Letter Agreement for natural gas storage with Unocal Canada Limited ("Unocal"), at its Aitken Creek natural gas storage facility, for the 2002/03 storage contract year; and
- B. The draft Letter Agreement dated April 1, 2002 between Unocal and BC Gas, set the pricing structure and deliverability for natural gas storage and extends the existing Aitken Creek Natural Gas Storage Agreement (Contract No. GS-1083) for one year from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the BC Gas filing and finds that the draft Letter Agreement with Unocal for natural gas storage is in the public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to Section 71 of the Utilities Commission Act and the Rules for Energy Supply Contracts, the Commission accepts for filing for BC Gas the draft Letter Agreement with Unocal dated April 1, 2002 for natural gas storage, subject to timely filing of the fully executed agreement.

The Commission accepts BC Gas' request to maintain the contract and filing documents as confidential.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this fourth day of April 2002.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard Chair