



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

and

Recovery of Commission Costs  
for the 2002/03 Fiscal Year

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
R.D. Deane, Commissioner )  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner ) May 2, 2002  
N.F. Nicholls, 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 current year's levy for recovering Commission expenses is based on its 2002/03 budget minus expected recoveries and divided by the total energy sales of the regulated utilities for the previous calendar year; and
- C. 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 or expenses incurred during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003. The final adjustment for the year will occur with the first quarter billing in the following year.

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

- 1. A levy, at the rate of \$0.0077334691 per GJ equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 2001 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, 2002.
- 2. The following public utilities are required to pay the levy fixed for the 2002/03 fiscal year, to be billed in installments as set out in the attached Appendix. The first quarter installment will reflect the 2001/02 carried- forward credit.

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
Princeton Light and Power Company, Limited  
UtiliCorp Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd.  
The Corporation of the City of Nelson  
Hemlock Valley Electrical Services Limited  
The Yukon Electrical Company Limited  
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation  
Sun Rivers Services Corp.

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.  
Sun Peaks Utilities Co., Ltd.  
Sun Rivers Services Corp.  
Stargas Utilities Ltd.

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, 2002:

Coastal Canada Field Services Inc.	\$1,000
Duke Energy Field Services Canada Ltd.	\$1,000
Westcoast Gas Services Inc.	\$1,000
Williams Energy Canada Inc.	\$1,000
JJH Equipment Trust	\$1,000
Plateau Pipeline Ltd.	
- Sunset Prairie Pipeline	\$1,000
- Taylor to Dawson Creek Pipeline	\$1,000
- Blueberry, Northeast BC and Boundary Lake Pipelines	\$1,000
- Western System	\$1,000
EnerMark 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 *ninth* day of May 2002.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair

Attachment

**APPENDIX A**  
to Order No. G-33-02  
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	B.C. UTILITIES COMMISSION - 2002/03 LEVY CALCULATION												
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5	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 02/03	Billing Q1 <sup>2</sup>	Assessment Q2 <sup>3</sup>	Assessment Q3 <sup>3</sup>	Assessment Q4 <sup>4</sup>	otal to be Billed
6	B.C. Hydro & Power Authority	2,299,990	46,425.86	GW.h	167,133,000	1,292,518	286,821	1,005,696	36,308.01	323,129	323,129	323,129	1,005,696
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8	City of Nelson	3,262	51.89	GW.h	186,800	1,445	321	1,124	40.58	361	361	361	1,124
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10	Hemlock Valley	154	0.96	GW.h	3,500	27	6	21	0.76	7	7	7	21
11	Princeton Light & Power	4,059	60.12	GW.h	216,400	1,674	371	1,302	47.01	418	418	418	1,302
12	UtiliCorp Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd.	109,408	1,885.00	GW.h	6,786,000	52,479	11,646	40,834	1,474.19	13,120	13,120	13,120	40,834
13	Silversmith Power & Light Corporation	5	0.05	GW.h	200	2	0	2	2.00	0	0	0	2
14	Sun Rivers	63	3,700.00		3,700	29	6	23	1.15	7	7	7	23
15	Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd.	122	0.75	GW.h	2,700	21	5	16	0.59	5	5	5	16
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17	BC Gas Utility Ltd.												
18	Lower Mainland Division	1,029,140	117,148,000.00	GJ	117,148,000.00	905,960	201,041	704,920	25,449.26	226,490	226,490	226,490	704,920
19	Inland Division	310,374	53,899,000.00	GJ	53,899,000.00	416,826	92,498	324,329	11,709.03	104,207	104,207	104,207	324,329
20	Columbia Division	38,551	7,381,000.00	GJ	7,381,000.00	57,081	12,667	44,414	1,603.45	14,270	14,270	14,270	44,414
21	Fort Nelson Division	3,802	879,000.00	GJ	879,000.00	6,798	1,508	5,289	190.95	1,699	1,699	1,699	5,289
22	Squamish Gas Division	3,225	329,000.00	GJ	329,000.00	2,544	565	1,980	71.47	636	636	636	1,980
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24	Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.												
25	Vancouver Island, Powell River and												
26	Sunshine Coast areas	113,118	27,075,000.00	GJ	27,075,000.00	209,384	46,464	162,920	5,881.78	52,346	52,346	52,346	162,920
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28	Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.												
29	Dawson Creek and Fort St. John	30,271	4,238,000.00	GJ	4,238,000.00	32,774	7,273	25,501	920.66	8,194	8,194	8,194	25,501
30	Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.												
31	Tumbler Ridge	1,614	745,000.00	GJ	745,000.00	5,761	1,279	4,483	161.84	1,440	1,440	1,440	4,483
32	Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.	81,091	26,797,000.00	GJ	26,797,000.00	207,234	45,987	161,247	5,821.39	51,808	51,808	51,808	161,247
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34	Centra Gas Whistler Inc.	10,134	686,000.00		686,000.00	5,305	1,177	4,128	149.03	1,326	1,326	1,326	4,128
35	Port Alice Gas Inc.	276	18,000.00	GJ	18,000.00	139	31	108	3.91	35	35	35	108
36	Sun Peaks Utilities	840	48,000.00		48,000.00	371	82	289	10.80	93	93	93	289
37	Central Heat Distribution Limited	5,301	1,218,000.00	GJ	1,218,000.00	9,419	2,090	7,329	264.60	2,355	2,355	2,355	7,329
38	Stargas Utilities Ltd.	423	27,000.00	GJ	27,000.00	209	0	209	53.00	52	52	52	209
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41	TOTAL	4,045,223	240,540,124.63		414,820,300	3,208,000	711,837.28	2,496,163	90,165.47	801,999	801,999	801,999	2,496,164
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43	Annual Budget less Anticipated Revenue	\$3,294,000	\$86,000	=	<u>\$3,208,000</u>		\$0.0077334691						
44	LEVY PER GJ		<u>\$0.0077334691</u>										
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46	BCUC 2001/02 Carry Fwd Credit	\$711,838.00											
47	1 Credit applied to 2002/03 Q1 billing.												
48	2 Quarterly assessment that will be billed for Q1.												
49	3 Quarterly assessment that will be billed in Q2 and Q3												
50	4 Quarterly assessment will be reviewed for Q4 billing												
51			<u>414,793,300</u> <sup>1.</sup>				<sup>1.</sup> StarGas does not qualify for last year's carry-forward credit.						
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