



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

and

Recovery of Commission Costs
for the 2003/04 Fiscal Year

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) May 16, 2003
R.H. Hobbs, 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 2003/04 approved 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, 2004. 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 \$0.00820287 per GJ equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 2002 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, 2003.
- 2. The following public utilities are required to pay the levy fixed for the 2003/04 fiscal year, to be billed in installments as set out in the attached Appendix. The first and second quarter installments will reflect the 2002/03 carried-forward credit.

Electric Utilities

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Princeton Light and Power Company, Limited
Aquila 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
Terasen Multi-Utility Services Inc.

Gas Utilities

Terasen Gas Inc.
Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.
Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc.
Terasen Gas (Squamish) Inc.
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.
Port Alice Gas Inc.
Sun Peaks Utilities Co. Ltd.
Terasen Multi-Utility Services Inc.
Stargas Utilities Ltd.
Toby Creek Utilities Co. 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, 2003:

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
Terasen Pipelines (Jet Fuel) Inc.	\$1,000

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this *fifth* day of June 2003.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair

Attachment

APPENDIX A
to Order No. G-35-03
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B.C. UTILITIES COMMISSION - 2003/04 LEVY CALCULATION

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Utility	Regulated Sales \$000	Regulated Volume	Unit	Converted To GJ	Annual Assessment \$	Last Year's Credit Carried Forward ¹	Net Payable for Fiscal Year 03/04	Net Billing Q1 ¹	Net Billing Q2 ²	Billing Q3	Billing Q4 ³	Total to be Billed
B.C. Hydro & Power Authority	2,351,423	47,020.55	GW.h	169,274,000	1,388,533	352,420	1,036,113	0	341,846	347,133	347,133	1,036,113
City of Nelson	3,429	53.50	GW.h	192,600	1,580	401	1,179	0	389	395	395	1,179
Hemlock Valley	229	0.96	GW.h	3,500	29	7	21	0	7	7	7	21
Princeton Light & Power	4,380	62.71	GW.h	225,800	1,852	470	1,382	0	456	463	463	1,382
Aquila Networks Canada (B.C.) Ltd.	116,981	1,999.00	GW.h	7,196,400	59,031	14,983	44,049	0	14,533	14,758	14,758	44,049
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation	13	0.05	GW.h	200	1.6	0.42	1.22	0	0.40	0.41	0.41	1.22
Terasen Multi-Utility Services (formerly Sun Rivers (gas and electric))	113	5.40	GW.h	19,400	159	40	119	0	39	40	40	119
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd.	120	0.75	GW.h	2,700	22	6	17	0	5	6	6	17
Terasen Gas Inc. (formerly BC Gas Utility Ltd.)												
Lower Mainland Division	901,259	127,874,000	GJ	127,874,000	1,048,934	266,227	782,707	0	258,240	262,233	262,233	782,707
Inland Division	270,080	55,621,000	GJ	55,621,000	456,252	115,800	340,452	0	112,326	114,063	114,063	340,452
Columbia Division	28,457	6,417,000	GJ	6,417,000	52,638	13,360	39,278	0	12,959	13,159	13,159	39,278
Fort Nelson Division	3,351	961,000	GJ	961,000	7,883	2,001	5,882	0	1,941	1,971	1,971	5,882
Terasen Gas (Squamish) Inc. (formerly Squamish Gas Co. Ltd.)	3,231	333,000	GJ	333,000	2,732	693	2,038	0	672	683	683	2,038
Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc. (formerly Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.)												
Vancouver Island, Powell River and Sunshine Coast areas	101,840	33,523,000	GJ	33,523,400	274,988	69,794	205,194	0	67,700	68,747	68,747	205,194
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.												
Dawson Creek and Fort St. John	26,609	4,653,000	GJ	4,653,000	38,168	9,687	28,481	0	9,397	9,542	9,542	28,481
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.												
Tumbler Ridge	1,505	727,000	GJ	727,000	5,963	1,514	4,450	0	1,468	1,491	1,491	4,450
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.	80,053	34,067,000	GJ	34,067,000	279,447	70,926	208,521	0	68,798	69,862	69,862	208,521
Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc. (formerly Centra Gas Whistler Inc.)	8,263	695,000	GJ	695,000	5,701	1,447	4,254	0	1,404	1,425	1,425	4,254
Port Alice Gas Inc.	335	18,000	GJ	18,000	148	37	110	0	36	37	37	110
Sun Peaks Utilities	936	62,000	GJ	62,000	509	129	379	0	125	127	127	379
Central Heat Distribution Limited	5,244	1,203,500	GJ	1,203,500	9,872	2,506	7,367	0	2,430	2,468	2,468	7,367
Stargas Utilities Ltd.	440	29,000	GJ	29,000	238	60	178	0	59	59	59	178
Toby Creek Utilities Co. Ltd. ⁴	551	39,000	GJ	39,000	320	0	320	80	80	80	80	320
TOTAL	3,908,842			443,137,500	3,634,999	922,509	2,712,490	80	894,911	908,750	908,750	2,712,490

Annual Budget less Anticipated Recoveries and ICBC	4,733,000 - 398,000 - 700,000	=	<u>\$3,635,000</u>
LEVY PER GJ			<u>\$0.0082028700</u>

BCUC 2002/03 Carry Fwd Credit	\$922,509	=	\$922,509
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Notes

1 Credit fully applied to 2003/04 Q1 assessment
with residual credit balance carried to Q2 billing

2 2nd Quarter Billing is quarterly assessment minus residual credit

3 Quarterly assessment will be reviewed for Q4 billing

4 Toby Creek does not qualify for last year's carry-forward credit.

GJ	<u>443,098,500</u> ⁴
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