



**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER G-77-03**

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

**and**

**An Application by Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc.  
for Approval of its 2004 and 2005 Revenue Requirements**

**BEFORE:** Lori Ann Boychuk, Commissioner )  
and Panel Chair )  
Robert H. Hobbs, Chair ) November 14, 2003  
Len Kelsey, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On October 28, 2003, Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc. ("Terasen Whistler") applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") for approval of its 2004 and 2005 revenue requirements (the "Application"); and
- B. The Application proposes to increase the Basic Charge per month to \$10.00, increase the propane commodity charge from \$12.522/GJ to \$13.930/GJ, and to decrease Rider A from \$2.493/GJ to \$0.376/GJ, all effective January 1, 2004; and
- C. The Application also proposes to decrease the propane commodity charge to \$13.540/GJ, and to decrease Rider A to zero, both effective January 1, 2005; and
- D. Terasen Whistler requested that the Application be dealt with through the Commission's Negotiated Settlement Process; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the Application and requires that interim rates and a regulatory process to deal with the Application be established.

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

- 1. The Commission approves Terasen Whistler rates as interim, effective January 1, 2004.
- 2. A Negotiated Settlement Process with respect to the Terasen Whistler Application will commence at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 8, 2004 in Whistler, B.C. at The Coast Whistler Hotel.
- 3. Terasen Whistler will publish, in display-ad format, the attached Notice of Negotiated Settlement Process (Appendix A), in local community newspapers in Whistler, B.C. by Friday, November 21, 2003.

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**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this      17<sup>th</sup>      day of November 2003.

**BY ORDER**

*Original signed by:*

Lori Ann Boychuk  
Commissioner and  
Panel Chair

Attachment



**TERASEN GAS (WHISTLER) INC.**  
**Application for Approval of 2004 and 2005 Revenue Requirements**

**NOTICE OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT PROCESS**

**THE APPLICATION**

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**THE REGULATORY PROCESS**

Therefore, a Negotiated Settlement Process with respect to the Centra Whistler Application will be held, as follows:

**Date:** Thursday January 8, 2004  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** The Coast Whistler Hotel  
Salon C  
4005 Whistler Way (Lower Village)  
Whistler, B.C.

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Filing of Information Requests to Terasen Whistler	Friday, December 5, 2003
Terasen Whistler to respond to Information Requests	Friday, December 19, 2003
Negotiated Settlement Process begins in Whistler	Thursday, January 8, 2004

## **PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION**

The Application and supporting material will be made available for inspection at Terasen Whistler's Head Office at 1675 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3V3, at its District Office, 8021 Mons Road, Whistler, B.C. and at the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3.

## **INTERVENTIONS**

Persons who expect to actively participate in the proceeding should register as Intervenors with the Commission by Friday, November 28, 2003. Intervenors will receive copies of the Application, all correspondence, and filed documentation. Notification by mail, facsimile or email is acceptable.

Persons not expecting to actively participate should register as Interested Parties with the Commission by Friday, November 28, 2003. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Application's Executive Summary and all Orders issued.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Barry McKinlay, Manager, Rates and Finance as follows:

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