

	I COLUMBIA COMMISSION
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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 an Increase to Rate Rider A

BEFORE:	P. Ostergaard, Chair)	
	K.L. Hall, Commissioner R.H. Hobbs, Commissioner)	July 9, 2003
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ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 4, 2003 Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc. ("Terasen Whistler") applied to the Commission for approval to increase Rate Rider A from \$0.610 per gigajoule to \$2.49 per gigajoule, effective July 1, 2003 as a result of increases to the commodity cost of propane, pursuant to Section 61(4) of the Utilities Commission Act; and
- B. The increase is a result of higher bulk propane commodity costs that Terasen Whistler is expected to pay for 2003; and
- C. The Commission requires customers to be given sufficient advance notice of the increase in rates and confirms that a delay by one month will result in a minor change to the Gas Cost Variance Account ("GCVA") balance; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the application for an increase to Rate Rider A and finds that approval is in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for Terasen Whistler an increase to Rate Rider A to \$2.49 per gigajoule, effective August 1, 2003.
- 2. Terasen Whistler is to inform all customers of the increase to Rate Rider A by way of customer notice.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of July 2003.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R.H. Hobbs Commissioner