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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 Inc. for Approval of a Gas Supply Mitigation Incentive Program for the 2003/04 Gas Contract Year

**BEFORE:** L.A. Boychuk, Commissioner )

L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner ) October 16, 2003

## ORDER

## **WHEREAS:**

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-92-95, approved for Terasen Gas Inc. ("Terasen Gas") (formerly known as BC Gas Utility Ltd.) the Off-System Incentive Program ("OSIP") for a two-year period commencing January 1, 1996; and
- B. As part of its May 5, 1997 Revenue Requirements Application for 1998 to 2002, Terasen Gas filed a revised incentive plan. During the Alternative Dispute Resolution process, it was agreed by all parties to deal with the form of gas cost incentive plan(s) that would succeed OSIP in a series of separate meetings. The following Commission Orders approved a Gas Supply Mitigation Incentive Program ("GSMIP") for each subsequent gas contract year: Order No. G-125-97 for 1997/98, Order No. G-92-98 for 1998/99, Order No. G-82-99 for 1999/2000, Order No. G-106-00 for 2000/01, Order No. G-124-01 for 2001/02 and Order No. G-79-02 for 2002/03 which included the GSMIP settlement document attached as Appendix A; and
- C. On October 8, 2003, Terasen Gas proposed to continue the existing 2002/03 GSMIP for the 2003/04 gas contract year without any revisions to the formula or the Service Quality Indicators; and
- D. By letter dated October 14, 2003, The British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre advised that it agreed that the 2002/03 GSMIP should continue for a further year; and

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E. The Commission has reviewed the filing and is satisfied that the 2002/03 GSMIP should be approved for the 2003/04 gas contract year.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission approves for Terasen Gas the 2002/03 Gas Supply Mitigation Incentive Program that was attached as Appendix A to Order No. G-79-02, for the gas contract year from November 1, 2003 through October 31, 2004.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2003.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lori Ann Boychuk Commissioner