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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** G-29-04

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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 (Squamish) Inc.  
for Approval to Increase Natural Gas Customer Rates**

**BEFORE:** L.A. Boychuk, Commissioner ) March 18, 2004  
L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On March 5, 2004, Terasen Gas (Squamish) Inc. ["Terasen Gas (Squamish)"] applied to the Commission for approval to increase its natural gas Small General Service ("SGS"), Large General Service ("LGS") customer rates, Competitive Range Rates ("CRR") and Apartment Customer Rates ("ACR-1"), effective April 1, 2004 ("the Application") under the terms of the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act; and
- B. Pursuant to Section 5.01(d) of the Squamish Rate Stabilization Agreement between the Province and Terasen Gas (Squamish) ("the Squamish RSA"), the Terasen Gas (Squamish) natural gas rates are set based on the competitive fuel price. Under the Squamish RSA rates are set at the lesser of the Competitive Fuel Oil Price less a stated discount on Schedule "A" or 67 percent of the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") trailing block rate for residential service. At existing B.C. Hydro rates, the maximum rate that can be charged to natural gas customers is \$11.52 per gigajoule; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Terasen Gas (Squamish) application and finds that approval is warranted.

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

1. The Commission approves for Terasen Gas (Squamish) increases in rates to SGS, LGS, CRR and ACR-1 customers effective April 1, 2004 as follows:

	April 1, 2004		
	Current Rate	New Rate	Percent Change
	(\$/GJ)	(\$/GJ)	
SGS-1	10.74	11.52	7.26%
SGS-11	10.74	11.52	7.26%
SGS-2	10.74	11.52	7.26%
SGS-12	10.74	11.52	7.26%
LGS-1	10.06	10.77	7.06%
LGS-11	10.06	10.77	7.06%
LGS-2	9.47	10.15	7.18%
LGS-12	9.47	10.15	7.18%
LGS-3	8.89	9.53	7.20%
LGS-13	8.89	9.53	7.20%
CRR-Top	8.89	9.53	7.20%
CRR-Bottom	7.29	7.81	7.13%
ACR-1 (200)	9.69	10.39	7.22%
ACR-1 (600)	9.31	9.98	7.20%
ACR-1 (2000)	9.31	9.98	7.20%
ACR-1 (6000)	9.31	9.98	7.20%

2. Terasen Gas (Squamish) is to inform all affected customers of the April 1, 2004 rate changes by way of a customer notice included in the next billing.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2004.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Lori A. Boychuk  
Chair