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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** C-2-04

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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 Inc.
for Approval of an Extension to the Franchise Agreement
with the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) April 22, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 7, 2004, Terasen Gas Inc. ("Terasen Gas") applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") for approval of an extension to the Franchise Agreement ("the Application") with the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks ("the Municipality"); and
- B. The Franchise Agreement has a 21-year term to September 5, 1998 and by successive amending agreements the term was extended to March 31, 2004; and
- C. The Application requests an extension of the Franchise Agreement to December 31, 2004; and
- D. The Application acknowledges that subject to Terasen Gas receiving approval from the Commission of a new form of operating agreement and the Municipality complying with the requirements of the Local Government Act R.S.B.C 1996, C.323 the parties expect to enter into an operating agreement to be effective on or before December 31, 2004; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the Application and considers that approval is warranted.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission, pursuant to Section 45 of the Utilities Commission Act, approves the extension of the Franchise Agreement from March 31, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd of April 2004.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Len F. Kelsey
Commissioner