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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G- 84-04

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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 a Gas Cost Rate Increase Effective October 1, 2004
for the Fort Nelson Service Area**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
K.L. Hall, Commissioner September 16, 2004

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Commission Order No. G-17-04 approved a gas cost recovery charge for the Fort Nelson Service Area of \$5.839/GJ effective March 1, 2004; and
- B. On September 8, 2004 Terasen Gas Inc. ("Terasen Gas") filed its 2004 Third Quarter Report on the Gas Cost Reconciliation Account ("GCRA") for the Fort Nelson Service Area; and
- C. The 2004 Third Quarter Report requested approval of a \$0.389/GJ rate increase effective October 1, 2004 to flow-through projected higher gas costs and avoid the accumulation of a debit balance in the GCRA over the following 12 months; and
- D. The requested rate increase will increase the annual bill of a typical residential customer by 5.4 percent.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for Terasen Gas a rate increase of \$0.389/GJ for the Fort Nelson Service Area that increases the gas cost recovery charge to \$6.228/GJ, effective October 1, 2004.
- 2. Terasen Gas is to file with the Commission amended Gas Tariff Rate Schedules in accordance with this Order and to notify all affected customers of the rate increase in a timely fashion.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of September 2004.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:
L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner