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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-116-04

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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 Amend Natural Gas Customer Rates, Effective January 1, 2005**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
K.L. Hall, Commissioner December 23, 2004

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 2, 2004, Terasen Gas (Squamish) Inc. ("Terasen Squamish") applied to the Commission for approval to amend its natural gas Small General Service ("SGS"), Large General Service ("LGS") customer rates, Competitive Range Rates ("CRR") and Apartment Customer Rates ("ACR-1"), effective January 1, 2005 ("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 Squamish ("the Squamish RSA"), the 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 \$11.26 per gigajoule; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Terasen 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 Squamish the application to amend rates for SGS, LGS, CRR and ACR-1 customers effective January 1, 2005 as follows:

	January 1, 2005		
	Current Rate (\$/GJ)	New Rate (\$/GJ)	Percent Change
SGS-1	11.52	11.26	(2.26%)
SGS-11	11.52	11.26	(2.26%)
SGS-2	11.52	11.26	(2.26%)
SGS-12	11.52	11.26	(2.26%)
LGS-1	11.52	11.26	(2.26%)
LGS-11	11.52	11.26	(2.26%)
LGS-2	11.49	11.26	(2.00%)
LGS-12	11.49	11.26	(2.00%)
LGS-3	10.78	11.26	4.45%
LGS-13	10.78	11.26	4.45%
CRR-Top	10.78	11.26	4.45%
CRR-Bottom	8.84	9.56	8.14%
ACR-1 (200)	11.52	11.26	(2.26%)
ACR-1 (600)	11.30	11.07	(2.04%)
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ACR-1 (6000)	11.30	11.07	(2.04%)

2. Squamish is to inform all affected customers of the January 1, 2005 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 24th day of December 2004.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner