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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-93-04

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**IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473**

and

**FortisBC Inc.
(formerly known as Aquila Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd.)
Application to Replace Residential Discount**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner and Panel Chair
L.A. Boychuk, Commissioner
K.L. Hall, Commissioner
October 7, 2004

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 21, 2004, Aquila Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd. [now FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC")] applied to the Commission for approval to amend its Electric Tariff, Terms and Conditions of Service, to replace the bi-monthly customer charge of \$21.19 and a flat energy rate of 6.659 cents per kWh, both subject to a 10 percent discount given to residential customers for prompt payment, with a bi-monthly customer charge of \$19.35 and a flat energy rate of 6.08 cents per kWh, both subject to a 1.5 percent late payment charge; and
- B. FortisBC states that the proposed rate will be compliant with all applicable laws and more consistent with its other rate categories and sound public utility practice; and
- C. Commission Order No. G-56-04 established a written public hearing process including an Information Request and Response stage and an opportunity for Intervenor and the Applicant ("the Parties") to present Submissions to deal with the Application; and
- D. The Commission reviewed the Application, supporting materials, the evidentiary record and Submissions of the Parties and by Commission Order No. G-82-04, with Reasons, approved the Application as filed, to be effective October 1, 2004; and
- E. On October 1, 2004, FortisBC filed for Commission approval as directed in the Reason's, a communication to customers which explains the basis of and need for the Application and the Commission's approval thereof. FortisBC requested that the implementation date for the residential tariff change be made effective November 1, 2004; and
- F. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that the extended implementation date is required.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission approves the FortisBC communication to customers as required by Commission Order No. G-82-04 and the extended implementation date of November 1, 2004.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 18th day of October 2004.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. Boychuk
Commissioner