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

and

An Application by Terasen Multi-Utility Services Inc. for Approval of an Increase to the Gas Cost Recovery Charge and Approval of Propane Supply Agreements Panorama Mountain Resort

BEFORE:

L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner L.A. Boychuk, Commissioner

November 24, 2005

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 27, 2005 Terasen Multi-Utility Services Inc. ("TMUS") applied for Commission approval to increase the Gas Cost Recovery Charge for Panorama Mountain Resort ("Panorama") from \$12.59 to \$15.61 per gigajoule effective November 1, 2005, to reflect a forecast increase in its cost of propane; and
- B. On November 9, 2005, TMUS filed a propane supply contract between Superior Propane and TMUS dated April 1, 2005, for the period April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2007 ("Propane Supply Agreement"); and
- C. On November 10, 2005 TMUS revised its application to request approval of a Gas Cost Recovery Charge of \$15.00 per gigajoule, which would be a 19.1 percent increase from the current rate; and
- D. Also on November 10, 2005 TMUS filed a letter agreement between Terasen Gas Inc. and TMUS dated September 30, 2005 that established a fixed price propane purchase for Panorama for the period November 2005 through March 2006 ("Letter Agreement"); and
- E. TMUS forecasts that the Gas Cost Reconciliation Account ("GCRA") had a debit balance of \$21,686 as of November 1, 2005; and

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F. The Commission has reviewed the submissions by TMUS.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Sections 61(4) and 71 of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission accepts for filing the Propane Supply Agreement and Letter Agreement, and will hold these documents confidential.
- 2. The Commission approves a Gas Cost Recovery Charge of \$15.00 per gigajoule for TMUS, effective November 1, 2005.
- 3. TMUS will advise all Panorama customers of the Commission approvals given by this Order, in a timely fashion.
- 4. In its Annual Report filings TMUS will include a month-by-month summary of GCRA transactions for the year, which identifies propane quantities and propane commodity supply and related costs and the corresponding Gas Cost Recovery Charge revenue.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of November 2005.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey Commissioner