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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 Interim Franchise Agreement with the Town of Osoyoos

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner

May 6, 2005

## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

## **WHEREAS:**

- A. On April 14, 2005, Terasen Gas Inc. ("Terasen Gas") applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") for approval of an extension to the Interim Franchise Agreement ("the Application") with the Town of Osoyoos ("the Town"); and
- B. The Franchise Agreement expired September 12, 1999; and
- C. Terasen Gas and the Town entered into an Interim Franchise Agreement for a term which ended June 30, 2000; and
- D. By way of successive extension agreements, the Interim Agreement was extended to December 31, 2004; and
- E. The Application requests an extension of the Interim Franchise Agreement until December 31, 2005; and
- F. The Commission has reviewed the Application and considers that approval is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission, pursuant to Section 45 of the Utilities Commission Act, approves for Terasen Gas, the extension of the Interim Franchise Agreement with the Town of Osoyoos, from December 31, 2004 to December 31, 2005.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2005.

## BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey Commissioner

