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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-65-05

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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 Decrease Natural Gas Customer Rates**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner June 30, 2005

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 7, 2005, Terasen Gas (Squamish) Inc. ["Terasen Gas (Squamish)"] applied to the Commission for approval to decrease its natural gas Competitive Range Rates ("CRR")-Bottom Commodity Charge by 3.85 percent, effective July 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 Gas (Squamish) ("the Squamish RSA"), the Terasen Gas (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 Gas (Squamish) application and finds that approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for Terasen Gas (Squamish) a 3.85 percent decrease in rates to CRR-Bottom Commodity Charge customers effective July 1, 2005.
- 2. Terasen Gas (Squamish) is to inform all affected customers of the July 1, 2005 rate change by way of a customer notice included in the next billing.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of September 2005.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner