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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-23-06

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

and

**A Submission by Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc.
for Review of its of 2005 Resource Plan Update**

and

**An Application by Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc.
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to convert its propane grid system
to natural gas and approval to enter into a Natural Gas Transportation Service
Agreement with Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.**

and

**An Application by Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for a natural gas pipeline lateral from Squamish to Whistler**

BEFORE: A.J. Pullman, Panel Chair and Commissioner
R.J. Milbourne, Commissioner
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner

March 15, 2006

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 12, 2005, Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc. ("TGW") filed with the Commission its 2005 Resource Plan Update ("the Resource Plan") that provides an assessment of the current and future energy requirements at the Resort Municipality of Whistler ("RMOW") and concludes that the existing propane grid system should be converted to natural gas; and
- B. On December 16, 2005, TGW filed with the Commission its application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to convert its system to natural gas and for approval to enter into a long-term natural gas transportation agreement with Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc. ("TGVI"). In the application, TGW also requests approval to make a capital contribution to TGVI and to add the contribution to rate base, to amortize the net book value of the propane facilities and to recover pipeline study costs incurred prior to 2004 ("the TGW Application"); and

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- C. Also, on December 16, 2005, TGVI filed with the Commission its application for a CPCN for construction of a natural gas pipeline lateral to connect RMOW to the TGVI transmission system at Squamish and to enter into a Transportation Service Agreement with TGW (“the TGVI Application”). The Resource Plan Application, the TGW Application and the TGVI Application will be referred to collectively as the “Applications”; and
- D. In the submission, TGW and TGVI (“the Companies”) requested that the Commission review the Applications concurrently through a joint proceeding. TGW recommended a written review process and proposes a regulatory timetable; and
- E. Order No. G-6-06 dated January 25, 2006 set out the Regulatory Timetable; and
- F. The Squamish Nation and the Companies have reached an Accommodation Agreement and the Squamish Nation has withdrawn its intervention in respect to the Applications in its letter dated March 8, 2006; and
- G. The Commission held the Second Procedural Conference on March 14, 2006 and the Companies and the Intervenor were asked to provide submissions on whether to proceed to, and the timetable for, an oral or written hearing and issues which have not been reviewed adequately through information requests and responses; and
- H. The Companies undertook to file the provisions of the Accommodation Agreement that affect the capital cost of the Applications by March 17, 2006; and
- I. The Companies anticipated filing the executed Capital Contribution and Transportation Service Agreements between TGW and TGVI at a later date.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Applications will be examined through a written hearing process.
- 2. The Companies are to file the executed Capital Contribution and Transportation Service Agreements between TGW and TGVI by March 31, 2006.
- 3. The Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order is established for this proceeding.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of March 2006.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.J. Pullman
Panel Chair and Commissioner

Attachment

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REVISED REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE
Second Procedural Conference commencing 3:00 p.m.	Tuesday, March 14
TGW and TGVI Written Submissions and executed Capital Contribution and Transportation Services Agreements to be filed	Friday, March 31
Intervenor Written Submissions to be filed	Thursday, April 13
TGW and TGVI Reply Written Submissions to be filed	Friday, April 21
Oral Phase of Argument (if necessary)	to be announced