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**TGI\_Chetwynd Document A-3**

Mr. Scott Thomson  
Vice President, Finance and Regulatory Affairs  
Terasen Gas Inc.  
16705 Fraser Highway  
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Dear Mr. Thomson:

Re: Terasen Gas Inc.  
Application for Approval of Operating Terms for the Supply and Distribution of  
Natural Gas within the District of Chetwynd ("Chetwynd")

On July 19, 2005, Terasen Gas Inc. ("Terasen Gas") applied pursuant to Section 32 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") for approval of Operating Terms for the supply and distribution of natural gas service within the boundaries of Chetwynd. The Operating Terms proposed for Chetwynd did not have a fixed term nor did it contain a provision for the payment of Franchise Fees (the "Application").

On September 2, 2005, Chetwynd filed a Reply to the Application. In accordance with the regulatory timetable established by Commission Letters No. L-82-05 and L-86-05, Terasen Gas filed a response on October 21, 2005 (the "Terasen Response") and Chetwynd filed its response on November 4, 2005 (the "Chetwynd Response"). The Terasen Response included a Revised Application that contained a provision for Operating Fees of 3 percent and a term of 21 years effective from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2026. The Chetwynd Response proposed that if the Commission approves the new Operating Terms proposed by Terasen Gas then the Commission should also extend the expired Operating Agreement to the end of 2005.

By email dated January 13, 2006 (enclosed), Terasen Gas advised the Commission that Terasen Gas continued to charge the 3 percent Operating Fee to its customers in Chetwynd in anticipation that the new Operating Agreement will contain a provision for a 3 percent Operating Fee or Franchise Fee. Terasen Gas stated that it is prepared to refund the Operating Fees collected from July 1, 2005 if an Operating Fee is not included in the new Operating Agreement.

The Commission requires a submission from Terasen Gas and Chetwynd regarding the proposed commencement date of a new Operating Agreement, i.e. should the commencement date of a new Operating Agreement be July 19, 2005 (the date of the Terasen Gas Application), January 1, 2006 (the date proposed in Terasen Gas' Revised Application) or some other date? A response from Terasen Gas is required by January 31, 2006 and from Chetwynd by February 7, 2006.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by:*

Robert J. Pellatt

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Colin Stewart  
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Mr. Mike Redfearn, Chief Administrative Officer  
District of Chetwynd

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