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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** G-69-06

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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 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application  
for the Residential Unbundling Program pursuant to Section 45 of the Utilities Commission Act**

**BEFORE:** A.W.K. Anderson, Commissioner June 16, 2006

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On November 25, 2002, the Government of British Columbia issued its energy policy, "Energy Plan for our Future: A Plan for BC." Item 19 stated that "The Utilities Commission Act will be amended in spring 2003 to allow direct natural gas sales to low volume customers and require the licensing of gas marketers who serve these customers"; and
- B. On March 16, 2005, Terasen Gas Inc. ("Terasen Gas") submitted its report entitled "Commodity Unbundling Post Implementation Review and Next Steps" ("Report") that presented a review of the Commercial Unbundling Program to date and suggestions for improvement and refinements to enhance its effectiveness; and
- C. On April 8, 2005, the Commission held a workshop on the Commercial Commodity Unbundling Program at which Terasen Gas presented the Report and stakeholders were invited to provide their comments. Gas marketers requested that the Residential Unbundling Program be introduced as soon as it is feasible; and
- D. Commission Order No. G-66-05 approved \$300,000 in deferral account funding for Terasen Gas to complete market research and the review and validation of the business rules for the Residential Unbundling Program and also the timeline leading to a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") application by March 2006; and
- E. Commission Order No. G-110-05 approved additional deferral account expenditures of \$1,053,800 for Terasen Gas to complete the scoping and business systems analysis work to enable the filing of a CPCN application for the Residential Unbundling Program with the Commission by March 2006; and

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- F. On April 13, 2006, Terasen Gas submitted a CPCN application (the “Application”) for the Residential Unbundling Program, pursuant to Section 45 of the Utilities Commission Act, to implement effective November 1, 2007, unbundling for residential customers in its service territory (excluding Fort Nelson and Revelstoke). The capital expenditure is expected to be \$11.1 million. The Application also requests Commission approval of a deferral account mechanism for cost recovery of the implementation and operating costs, and changes to tariffs and agreements to support the Residential Unbundling Program; and
- G. Commission Order No. G-46-06 established the Regulatory Timetable with an Oral Public Hearing to take place June 27, 2006; and
- H. Pursuant to the Regulatory Timetable, the Commission held a Workshop on June 15, 2006 and a Procedural Conference on June 16, 2006; and
- I. The Commission determines that a Revised Regulatory Timetable should be established for the review of the Application.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders that the Revised Regulatory Timetable, attached as Appendix A to this Order, be established for the proceeding to review the Application.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

A.W.K. Anderson  
Commissioner

Attachment

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**APPENDIX A**  
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**REVISED REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

**Action**

**Date**

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| Terasen Gas update to CPCN Application   | Thursday, June 22, 2006 |
| Oral Public Hearing  | Tuesday, June 27, 2006  |
| Written Argument by Terasen Gas and Intervenors  | Thursday, July 6, 2006  |
| Written Reply Argument by Terasen Gas and Intervenors                                    | Friday, July 14, 2006   |
| Oral Argument Phase (if required, notification to be provided by Tuesday, July 18, 2006) | Thursday, July 20, 2006 |

\* Oral Public Hearing and Oral Argument Phase to commence at the Commission's Hearing Room at 9:00 a.m.:

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