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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** G-101-06

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

and

**An Application by Stargas Utilities Ltd.  
for Approval to Alter Rates**

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner August 18, 2006  
L.A. Zaozirny, Commissioner

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Commission, by Order No. C-4-00, approved a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Stargas Utilities Ltd. ("Stargas", "the Company") to operate a natural gas distribution system at the resort community of Silver Star; and
- B. On August 4, 2006, Stargas applied for Commission approval to decrease residential rates by \$2.05 per gigajoule ("GJ") and commercial rates by \$2.06 per GJ effective November 1, 2006 ("the Application"). The proposed decrease in residential and commercial rates are the result of lower commodity costs and higher delivery charges; and
- C. As a result of decreases in the cost of natural gas and a credit balance in the Gas Cost Variance Account of \$10,184 at May 31, 2006, the Application requests approval to decrease the residential commodity charge by \$2.54/GJ to \$9.60/GJ and the commercial commodity charge by \$2.55/GJ to \$9.81/GJ; and
- D. The Application also requests Commission approval to increase the residential and the commercial delivery charge by \$0.49/GJ to \$7.75 due to the increases in operating and maintenance expenses; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that a written hearing process is required to be established.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to Sections 60 and 61 of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Stargas Application will be examined in a written public hearing process.
2. The Application and supporting material will be made available for inspection at various Silver Star Resort centres and at the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2N3.

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3. Stargas shall provide a copy of this Order, by facsimile if possible, to all previous Intervenor and Interested Parties no later than Friday, August 25, 2006. Stargas shall also post a copy of this Order in various Silver Star Resort centres.
4. Intervenor and Interested Parties should inform the Commission in writing or register on-line via the Commission's website at <http://www.bcuc.com>, by Friday, September 8, 2006 of their intention to actively intervene in the proceeding, or become Interested Parties. Registered Intervenor will receive from Stargas copies of the Application, all correspondence and filed documentation. Interested Parties will receive copies of all Orders issued.
5. A Regulatory Timetable for this proceeding will be established following the deadline for registration of Intervenor.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2006.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

L.F. Kelsey  
Commissioner

Attachment



**STARGAS UTILITIES LTD.**  
**Application for Approval to Alter Rates**

**NOTICE OF WRITTEN PUBLIC  
HEARING PROCESS**

**THE APPLICATION**

On August 4, 2006 Stargas Utilities Ltd. ("Stargas", "the Company") applied for Commission approval to decrease residential rates by \$2.05 per gigajoule ("GJ") to and decrease commercial rates by \$2.06 per GJ to effective November 1, 2006 ("the Application"). The Application also requests Commission approval to increase the residential and the commercial delivery charge by \$0.49/GJ to \$7.75 due to the increases in operating and maintenance expenses.

**THE REGULATORY PROCESS**

The Commission has established a Written Public Hearing Process for the review of the Application.

**PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS**

The Application and supporting material will be made available for inspection at various Silver Star Resort centres and at the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2N3.

**REGISTERING TO PARTICIPATE**

Unless they have already registered, persons who expect to actively participate in the Stargas proceeding should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing, by Friday, September 8, 2006. Intervenor will receive copies of the Application, all correspondence and filed documentation and will have an opportunity to ask questions of Stargas and file submissions on the Application. A Regulatory Timetable for this proceeding will be established following the deadline for registration of Intervenor.

Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the Stargas proceeding should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by Friday, September 8, 2006. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Application's Executive Summary and all Orders issued and may provide comments on the Application.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the public relating to the Application will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's web site.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary as follows:

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