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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-90-07

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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. and Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.
for Approval to Amend their System Extension and Connection Policies**

BEFORE: A.J. Pullman, Commissioner August 11, 2007

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. In Reasons for Decision attached to Order No. G-126-05, the Commission accepted Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc. ("TGVI")'s proposals to adopt the Terasen Gas Inc. ("TGI") Main Extension ("MX") test (with appropriate revisions to the inputs) and TGI customer connection policies commencing January 1, 2006; and
- B. On April 30, 2006, TGVI filed its "Review of the Main Extension Test," updating the MX test inputs; and
- C. During the proceedings to review the TGVI 2006 Negotiated Settlement Update, TGVI explained that TGVI and TGI would be reviewing their MX tests as part of a comprehensive review of their system extension and customer connection policies in 2007; and
- D. By Order No. G-160-06 and Reasons for Decision, the Commission approved the TGI 2006 Annual Review and Mid-Term Settlement Review wherein the Commission agreed that TGI should conduct a review of its system extension and customer connection policies including the MX test in 2007 in conjunction with TGVI for submission by the end of the second quarter of 2007; and
- E. By letter dated June 28, 2007, TGI, TGVI and Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc. ("TGW"), jointly ("Terasen Utilities") filed an application for Commission approval to delay the submission of their system extension and customer connection policies application, stating that preparing a single consolidated report encompassing all three Terasen Utilities would result in the most efficient review process for the Terasen Utilities, stakeholders and the Commission; and
- F. By Letter No. L-61-07, the Commission agreed that submission of a consolidated application was desirable and directed the Terasen Utilities to submit the application no later than July 31, 2007; and
- G. On July 31, 2007, pursuant to the Utilities Commission Act, TGI and TGVI jointly filed an application ("Application") to amend the Terms and Conditions of each utility's Tariff with respect to charges for system extensions and customer attachment and connections for TGI and TGVI; and

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- H. In the transmittal letter submitting the Application, the Companies state that “[a]fter further consideration and in light of the introduction of natural gas to the Whistler area during the latter half of 2008, TGW is of the view that it would be reasonable to retain the current policy while it remains a propane system, and bring forth an application to review its Policies after the successful conversion and implementation of the natural gas system; and
- I. The Application requests approval for changes to the respective Tariffs to be effective January 1, 2008; and
- J. TGI and TGVI submit that the most appropriate review process for this Application is by way of a written process, and request a review process be established that would allow a decision on the Application by the middle of October, 2007.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Application will be examined through a written process.
2. Any party intending to intervene in the written hearing process to review the Terasen Utilities’ System Extension and Customer Connection policies is directed to provide the Commission with notice of its intent to intervene by Friday, August 17, 2007.
3. If a party wishes to file evidence in the proceedings, it should notify the Commission of its intent to do so by Friday, August 17, 2007.
4. The Commission establishes the Regulatory Timetable (attached as Appendix “A”).

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of August 2007.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.J. Pullman
Commissioner

Attachment

DRAFT REGULATORY AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

Action

Date (2007)

Intervenor Registration (and Declaration of
Intervenor Intention to File Evidence)

Friday, August 17

BCUC and Intervenor Information Requests

Friday, August 31

TGVI-TGI Response Information Requests

Friday, September 14

BCUC and Intervenor Information Requests #2

Tuesday, September 18

TGVI-TGI Response Information Requests #2

Friday, September 21

If No Intervenor Evidence is to be filed:

TGVI-TGI Final Argument Submission

Friday, October 5

Intervenor Argument Submission

Friday, October 12

TGVI-TGI Reply Argument Submission

Friday, October 19

If Intervenor Evidence is to be filed:

Intervenor Evidence

Friday, October 5

Information Requests on Intervenor Evidence

Friday, October 12

Intervenor Response to Information Requests

Friday, October 19

TGVI-TGI Final Argument Submission

Friday, October 26

Intervenor Argument Submission

Friday, November 2

TGVI-TGI Reply Argument Submission

Friday, November 9