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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** F-1-08

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

and

**an Application for Participant Assistance Cost Award
regarding the Terasen Gas Inc.
2007 Annual Review and 2008 Revenue Requirements and Delivery Rates**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner January 16, 2008

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Commission Order No. G-51-03 approved for Terasen Gas Inc. ("TGI" or "Company"), the Settlement Agreement for a 2004-2007 Multi-Year Performance-Based Rate Plan ("the Settlement"). Subsequently, Commission Order No. G-33-07 approved the two-year extension of the Settlement for 2008 and 2009; and
- B. The Commission, by Order No. G-112-07 dated September 20, 2007, set out the Regulatory Timetable for the TGI filing of its 2007 Annual Review Material, information requests, responses, the 2007 Annual Review, undertaking responses from TGI, Participant Comments, and TGI Reply Comments; and
- C. On October 5, 2007 TGI filed the Annual Review Advance Materials ("Advance Materials") in accordance with the regulatory timetable established by Order No. G-112-07 ("the Application"); and
- D. On October 15, 2007 TGI filed an errata to Section A-3 and Section A-4 of the October 5, 2007 Advance Materials filing. On November 2, 2007, TGI filed three revisions to the October 5, 2007 Advance Materials filing including updated financial schedules ("Amended Application"). Also, on November 2, 2007, TGI filed its responses to information requests; and
- E. The 2007 Annual Review was held on November 13, 2007. The TGI 2007 Annual Review was held jointly with the Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc. ("TGVI") 2007 Settlement Update Meeting. Subsequently, TGI provided a response to undertakings ("Undertakings Submission") on November 19, 2007 responding to issues raised in the Annual Review; and
- F. On December 5, 2007, the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre applied for the Participant Assistance/Cost Award on behalf of its client, the BC Old Age Pensioners Organization *et al.* ("BCOAPO") for its participation in the proceeding; and
- G. On December 10, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. G-153-07 and its Reasons for Decision on the TGI Application; and

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- H. The Revised Application requests approval effective January 1, 2008, to increase the delivery rates for customers, on an permanent basis, by 1.89 percent; and
- I. On December 11, 2007, TGI advised that the costs applied for by BCOAPO are not unreasonable; and
- J. The Commission has reviewed the BCOAPO application for funding with regard to the criteria and rates set out in Commission Order No. G-72-07.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to BCOAPO for its participation in the TGI 2007 Annual Review and 2008 Revenue Requirements and Delivery Rates proceeding in the amount of \$3,645.50.
- 2. TGI is to reimburse BCOAPO for the total amount awarded in a timely fashion.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of January 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner