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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-14-08

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

and

**An Application by The Corporation of the City of Nelson
for Approval of Electrical Utility Amendment By-Law No. 3088, 2008**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner January 24, 2008

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 15, 2008, The Corporation of the City of Nelson (the "City") applied to the Commission for approval of an Electrical Utility Amendment By-Law to increase its electrical rates by 2.5 percent, effective January 1, 2008; and
- B. The By-Law rate schedules include rates pertaining to the provision of electrical service to customers inside and outside of its municipal boundaries. The City approved the By-Law on January 14, 2008; and
- C. The electrical utility rate increase is required due to increases in costs, including an increase in power purchase costs from its supplier FortisBC Inc. that was approved by Commission Order No. G-147-07; and
- D. By letter dated January 22, 2008, the City responded to a Commission request for the rationale of requesting approval of a retroactive rate increase to January 1, 2008 rather than a rate increase on February 1, 2008 (the "Response"); and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the By-Law, rate schedules and Response and finds that an electrical utility rate increase to all customers is required.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves for the City of Nelson and accepts for filing Electrical Utility Amendment By-Law No. 3088, 2008 incorporating a 2.5 percent rate increase to all customers, effective January 1, 2008.
2. The City, by way of a customer notice included in the next billing, is to inform customers of the rate increase.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of January 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner