

**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** G-153-08

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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 to Amend its Schedule of Rates  
Effective January 1, 2009  
For the Fort Nelson Service Area**

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner  
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner October 16, 2008

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. British Columbia Utilities Commission ("Commission") Order G-17-04 approved for Terasen Gas Inc. Fort Nelson Service Area ("Terasen Fort Nelson" or the "Company") its 2004 Revenue Requirement Application, which included the implementation of a Rate Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism ("RSAM") effective January 1, 2004; and
- B. The approved RSAM utilizes a deferral account to record the difference on a use per customer basis between forecast delivery margin used for rate making purposes and actual margin received from residential and commercial customers. For industrial (Rate 25) customers, the RSAM account records margin variations arising from the difference between forecast and actual deliveries. The amounts recorded in the RSAM account are to be amortized over the subsequent three-year period and recovered from or refunded to customers by way of a positive or negative rider on rates; and
- C. On September 4, 2008, Terasen Fort Nelson filed a detailed application for approval of its 2009 Revenue Requirements (the "Application") on a permanent basis, pursuant to Sections 58, 60 and 61 of the Utilities Commission Act, effective January 1, 2009; and
- D. The Application seeks approval, on a permanent basis, effective January 1, 2009, to increase the RSAM rate rider from \$0.116/GJ by \$0.027/GJ for a total rate rider of \$0.143/GJ; and
- E. The Application also seeks a revenue requirement increase of \$209,000 for the 2009 test year, effective January 1, 2009, resulting in an average 3.0 percent rate increase for all sales rate classes or a 17.0 percent increase on a delivery margin basis for all customers; and

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- F. Terasen Fort Nelson considers that a written hearing process is appropriate for the review of the Application and proposes a regulatory timetable that includes a deadline for Intervenor registration and Intervenor comments regarding the regulatory review process; and
- G. By Order G-144-08, the Commission established a Preliminary Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application that required the publication of a Notice of Revenue Requirements Application, an intervenor and interested party registration deadline of October 10, 2008 and a deadline of October 10, 2008 for intervenor comments on the further regulatory review process of the Application and the Preliminary Regulatory Timetable; and
- H. No Intervenor or Interested Parties registered and no Intervenor provided comments by the deadline set by Order G-144-08; and
- I. The Commission considers that establishing a Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

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

- 1. The Application will be reviewed in a written hearing process in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order.
- 2. The opportunity for Intervenor and Interested Party registration is now closed.
- 3. The Commission will confirm by Thursday, November 6, 2008 if Information Request No. 2 is required. If Information Request No. 2 is not required then Terasen Fort Nelson is to file its Written Comments by Thursday, November 13, 2008.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, In the Province of British Columbia, this     16<sup>th</sup>     day of October 2008.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

L.F. Kelsey  
Commissioner

Attachment

Terasen Gas Inc.  
Fort Nelson Service Area  
Application for Approval of 2009 Revenue Requirements

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

**ACTION**

**DATES (2008)**

Terasen Fort Nelson submitted detailed Application materials	Thursday, September 4
Commission Information Request No. 1	Thursday, October 2
Terasen Fort Nelson to publish in display-ad format, the Notice of Revenue Requirements Application	Week of September 29 and Week of October 6
Intervenor Registration and Intervenor Comments regarding Regulatory Review Process	Friday, October 10
Commission Procedural Order confirming Regulatory Timetable	Thursday, October 16
Terasen Fort Nelson Response to Commission IR No. 1	Thursday, October 30
Commission IR No. 2, if necessary	Thursday, November 6
Terasen Fort Nelson Response to Commission IR No. 2	Thursday, November 13
Terasen Fort Nelson Reply Comments	Thursday, November 27