

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-25-09

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

and

**Filings by Terasen Gas Inc. regarding
2009 First Quarter Gas Costs Report
and Rate Changes effective April 1, 2009
for the Fort Nelson Service Area**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner March 12, 2009
D.A. Cote, Commissioner

WHEREAS:

- A. By Order G-188-08 dated December 11, 2008 the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") approved the Gas Cost Recovery Charge for the Fort Nelson Service Area; and
- B. On March 5, 2009, pursuant to Commission Letter L-5-01, Terasen Gas Inc. ("Terasen Gas") filed its 2009 First Quarter Report on the Gas Cost Reconciliation Account ("GCRA") balance and gas commodity recovery charges for the Fort Nelson Service Area effective April 1, 2009, that were based on February 24, 2009 forward gas prices (the "2009 First Quarter Report"); and
- C. The 2009 First Quarter Report forecasts that gas commodity charges at current rates will be 123.2 percent of costs for the following 12 months and requests a decrease of \$1.440/GJ in gas commodity recovery charges for natural gas customers in the Fort Nelson Service Area, effective April 1, 2009; and
- D. This equates to a decrease to a typical residential customer's annual bill, based on an annual consumption of 140 gigajoules, of approximately \$202 or 14.1 percent; and
- E. The Commission has determined that the requested changes, as outlined in the 2009 First Quarter Report, should be approved.

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NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 61(4) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves a \$1.440/GJ decrease in the Gas Cost Recovery Charge for Fort Nelson Service Area to \$6.200/GJ effective April 1, 2009, as set out in Terasen Gas' 2009 First Quarter Report for the Fort Nelson Service Area.
2. Terasen Gas will notify all customers that are affected by the rate changes with a bill insert or bill message to be included with the next monthly gas billing.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of March 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner