

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

**NUMBER** G-106-09

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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 Third Quarter Gas Costs Report and Rate Changes effective October 1, 2009 for the Fort Nelson Service Area

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner

September 10, 2009

P.E. Vivian, Commissioner

## ORDER

## WHEREAS:

- A. By Order G-25-09 dated March 13, 2009 the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") approved the Gas Cost Recovery Change for the Fort Nelson Service Area; and
- B. On September 3, 2009 pursuant to Commission Letter L-5-01, Terasen Gas Inc. ("Terasen Gas") filed its 2009 Third Quarter Report on the Gas Cost Reconciliation Account ("GCRA") balance and gas commodity recovery charges for the Fort Nelson Service Area effective October 1, 2009 that were based on August 24, 2009 forward gas prices (the "2009 Third Quarter Report"); and
- C. The 2009 Third Quarter Report forecasts that gas commodity charges at current rates would be 112.7 percent of costs for the following 12 months and has requested a decrease of \$0.699/GJ in gas commodity recovery charges for natural gas customers in Fort Nelson Service Area, effective October 1, 2009; and
- D. This equates to a decrease to a typical residential customer's annual bill, based on an annual consumption of 140 GJ, of approximately \$98 or 8.0 percent; and
- E. The Commission has determined that the requested changes, as outlined in the 2009 Third 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 \$0.699/GJ decrease in the Gas Cost Recovery Charge for Fort Nelson Service Area to \$5.501/GJ effective October 1, 2009, as set out in Terasen Gas' 2009 Third Quarter Report for 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

**BY ORDER** 

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey Commissioner