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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-119-12**

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

and

**An Application by Stargas Utilities Ltd.
to Alter Rates**

BEFORE: D.M. Morton, Commissioner

September 6, 2012

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. By Order C-4-00, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Stargas Utilities Ltd. (Stargas) to operate a natural gas distribution system at the resort community of Silver Star;
- B. On August 17, 2012, Stargas applied for Commission approval to decrease the residential and commercial commodity rates by \$1.51 per GJ and increase the residential and commercial delivery rates by \$0.53 per GJ, for an aggregate decrease to residential and commercial rates of \$0.98 per GJ, effective November 1, 2012 (the Application);
- C. The Application requests approval to include the amortization of the accumulated unpaid dividends on Stargas' preferred shares and the estimated cost of short-term borrowing in the revenue requirement, which both contribute to the requested delivery rate increase of \$0.53 per GJ;
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Application and has determined that a written hearing process is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. A written hearing process is established for the review of the Application.
- 2. The Application and supporting material will be made available for inspection at various Silver Star Resort centers and at the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2N3.

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3. Stargas will provide a copy of customer notice to all customers no later than September 17, 2012. Stargas will also post a copy of this Order at various Silver Star Resort centers.
4. Interveners and Interested Parties should inform the Commission Secretary in writing, or on-line via the Commission's website at <http://www.bcuc.com>, by Monday, September 24, 2012 of their intention to actively intervene in the proceeding, or become Interested Parties.
5. A Regulatory Timetable for this proceeding will be established following the deadline for registration of Interveners and Interested Parties.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th of September 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner