

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

NUMBER G-52-12

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

and

Recovery of Commission Costs for the 2012/13 Fiscal Year

BEFORE: C.A. Brown, Commissioner

N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner D.M. Morton, Commissioner R.D. Revel, Commissioner

April 26, 2012

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 125 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the Act) enables the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) to recover its expenses arising from the administration of the Act, in each fiscal year commencing April 1 and to fix and collect levies from public utilities and other persons so defined. B.C. Regulation 283/88 dated July 29, 1988, authorizes the Commission to collect and retain all levies collected under the Regulation and to base the amount of a levy on the value and the volume of the energy transmitted or distributed or the service furnished;
- B. The current year's levy for recovering Commission expenses is based on its 2012/13 approved budget plus the Commission's under-recovery of \$116,461.32 from 2011/12. That figure is then divided by the total energy sales of the regulated energy utilities for the calendar year 2011;
- C. The Commission's recovery of its apportioned costs to the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) requires a different method of cost recovery rather than by way of a levy on energy sales;
- D. The Commission will recover its expenses from the levy calculation on a quarterly basis and may adjust the fourth quarter billing in order to account for additional revenues received during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013;
- E. For ICBC the Commission has estimated the costs of the service furnished, including its Commissioners, staff and apportioned administrative office costs for 2012/13.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A levy, at the rate of \$0.0113191801 per GJ equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 2011 shall be paid by, and collected from, the public utilities listed below for the recovery of Commission expenses in the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2012.

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2. The following public utilities are required to pay the levy fixed for the 2012/13 fiscal year, to be billed in installments, as set out in Appendix A attached to this Order.

Electric Utilities

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
FortisBC Inc.
The Corporation of the City of Nelson (rural areas)
Hemlock Valley Electrical Services Limited
The Yukon Electrical Company Limited
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation
CORIX Multi-Utility Services Inc. – Sun Rivers

Gas Utilities

FortisBC Energy Inc.
FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc.
FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc.
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.
Big White Gas Utility
Port Alice Gas Inc.
Sun Peaks Utilities Co. Ltd.

CORIX Multi-Utility Services Inc. – Sun Rivers, Panorama and Sonoma Pines
Stargas Utilities Ltd.
Cal Gas Inc. – Kickinghorse/Canyon Ridge

Steam Heat Utility

Central Heat Distribution Limited

- 3. Pursuant to section 125 of the Act and the regulation of ICBC, ICBC shall pay the Commission's 2012/13 allocated budgeted expenses of \$700,000.00, in quarterly installments.
- 4. The Commission's cost recovery for ICBC for 2012/13 will be reviewed in the last quarter to ensure the apportioned costs to this company is appropriate.

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5. Pursuant to Levy Regulation 283/88 and Letter L-39-96, the following upstream natural gas processors and intraprovincial oil pipelines shall pay the following amounts for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2012:

Keyera Energy (formerly Coastal Canada Field Services Inc. – Caribou area) Canadian Natural Resources Limited - West Stoddart Plant	\$1,000 \$1,000
Spectra Energy Midstream Corporation	
(Peggo, Midwinter, Tooga, Sunrise, Jedney I, II, Boundary Lake, West Doe	
and Highway Transportation & Processing Facilities)	\$8,000
Plateau Pipeline Ltd.	
- Sunset Prairie Pipeline	\$1,000
- Taylor to Dawson Creek Pipeline	\$1,000
- Blueberry	\$1,000
- Northeast BC and Boundary Lake Pipelines	\$1,000
- Western System	\$1,000
Canadian Natural Resources Limited - Inga Oil Pipeline	\$1,000
Trans Mountain (Jet Fuel) Inc.	\$1,000
AltaGas Ltd. (Blair Creek transportation and processing facility)	\$1,000
Spectra Energy Midstream (Sunrise, West Doe processing and pipeline facilities)	\$2,000

6. The cost recovery revenue from natural gas marketers for the residential and commercial unbundling program for 2012 is estimated to be \$15,000.00.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this

26th

day of April 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton Commissioner

Attachment

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION - 2012/13 LEVY CALCULATION

Α	В	С	D	E	F	I	J	K	L
Utility	Regulated Sales \$000	Regulated Volume	Unit	Converted To GJ	2012/13 Annual Assessment \$ 1	Billing Q1	Billing Q2	Billing Q3	Billing Q4 ³
B.C. Hydro & Power Authority 2	3,409,186	49841.00	GW.h	179,428,000	2,030,977.84	507,744.46	507,744.46	507,744.46	507,744.46
B.C. Transmission Corporation					_,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			001)	001,7
City of Nelson (Rural)	5,302	64.58	GW.h	232,000	2,626.05	656.51	656.51	656.51	656.52
					2,020.00				
Hemlock Electrical Services Limited	257	1.49	GW.h	5,000	56.60	14.15	14.15	14.15	14.15
FortisBC Inc. ²	218,640	2,247.00	GW.h	8,089,000		22,890.21	22,890.21	22,890.21	22,890.22
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation	34	0.08	GW.h	0,000,000	·	22,030.21	22,030.21	22,030.21	22,030.22
CORIX Sun Rivers & Sonoma Pines (Electric)	1.155	14.1	GW.h	51,000		144.32	144.32	144.32	144.32
COMA Sun rivers & Sonoma Fines (Electric)	1,133	14.1	GVV.II	31,000	377.28	144.32	144.32	144.32	144.52
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd. (Lower Post)	242	0.6	GW.h	2,000	22.64	5.66	5.66	5.66	5.66
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC)						175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
FortisBC Energy Inc.	1						+		
Lower Mainland Division	984,790	123,739,000	GJ	123,739,000	1,400,624.02	350,156.01	350,156.01	350,156.01	350,155.99
Inland Division	290,639	48,966,000	GJ	48,966,000		138,563.74	138,563.74	138,563.74	138,563.75
Columbia Division	31,521	9,495,000	GJ	9,495,000		26,868.90	26,868.90	26,868.90	26,868.91
Fort Nelson Division	4,499	621,000	GJ	621.000	7.029.21	1,757.30	1,757.30	1,757.30	1,757,31
Revelstoke	4,387	220,000	GJ	220,000	2,490.22	622.56	622.56	622.56	622.54
FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc.		•							
Vancouver Island, Powell River and									
Sunshine Coast areas	205,410	19,748,000	GJ	19,748,000	223,531.17	55,882.79	55,882.79	55,882.79	55,882.80
CalGas - Kickinghorse/Canyon Ridge	392	21,000	GJ	21,000	237.70	59.43	59.43	59.43	59.41
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.									
Dawson Creek and Fort St. John	26,726	4,246,000	GJ	4,246,000	48,061.24	12,015.31	12,015.31	12,015.31	12,015.31
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.									
Tumbler Ridge	1,390	1,040,000	GJ	1,040,000	11,771.95	2,942.99	2,942.99	2,942.99	2,942.98
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (includes Granisle Grid)	43,146	4,122,000	GJ	4,122,000	46,657.66	11,664.42	11,664.42	11,664.42	11,664.40
Big White Gas Utility	1,041	41,000	GJ	41,000	464.09	116.02	116.02	116.02	116.03
FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc.	12,176	737,000	GJ	737,000	8,342.24	2,085.56	2,085.56	2,085.56	2,085.56
Port Alice Gas Inc.	429	13,000	GJ	13,000	147.15	36.79	36.79	36.79	36.78
Sun Peaks Utilities	1,900	79,000	GJ	79,000	894.22	223.56	223.56	223.56	223.54
Central Heat Distribution Limited	7,397,807	1,458,062	GJ	1,458,062	16,504.07	4,126.02	4,126.02	4,126.02	4,126.01
Stargas Utilities Ltd.	249	38,000	GJ	38,000	430.13	107.53	107.53	107.53	107.54
CORIX Multi-Utility Services					==				
Sun Rivers (gas), Panorama & Sonoma Pines	1,316	64,000	GJ	64,000	724.43	181.11	181.11	181.11	181.10
TOTAL	\$12,642,634	214,700,230.85		402,455,062	4,555,461.34	1,313,865.35	1,313,865.35	1,313,865.35	1,313,865.29
2012/13 BCUC Budget	\$6,674,000.00								
Plus: 2011/12 Deferred Recovery	116,461.32				1 Recovery Deficit	from 2011/12 is	applied to the 20)12/13 assessme	nt.
	6,790,461.32				2 Sales and Volun	nes for BC Hydro	and FortisBC are	net of figures for	
Less estimated recoveries from:					other distributi	on utiltiies.			
Natural Gas Marketers	-15,000.00				3 The 4 th Quarterl	y assessment and	d billing will be re	eviewed by the Co	mmission
Intra-Provincial Oil Pipeline Companies &					at the beginning	, g of the last quart	ter	•	
Upstream Gas Processors	-20,000.00					•			
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia	-700,000.00								
Expected direct recoveries	-1,500,000.00								
Net BCUC 2012/13 Budget to be recovered through the Levy	\$4,555,461.32								
Levy Calculation:	\$4,555,461.32								
	402,455,062	=		\$0.0113191801	/GJ				