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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-64-14

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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 2014/15 Fiscal Year

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner
H.G. Harowitz, Commissioner
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner
I.F. MacPhail, Commissioner
B.A. Magnan, Commissioner
D.M. Morton, Commissioner
R.D. Revel, Commissioner
C. van Wermskerken, Commissioner

May 15, 2014

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 125 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (Act) enables the British Columbia Utilities Commission (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 2014/15 forecast budget plus the Commission's under-recovery of \$525,217.90 from 2013/14. That figure is then divided by the total energy sales of the regulated energy utilities for the calendar year 2013;
- C. To achieve a more accurate determination of the levy and to attempt to avoid further under-recovery in the 2014/15 fiscal year, the Commission has revised its budgeting methodology. For the 2014/15 fiscal year, the Commission has based its budget, in part, on its forecast expenditures for the upcoming year. In previous years, the Commission based its budget, in part, on the established budget;
- D. 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;
- E. 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, 2015; and

- F. For ICBC the Commission has estimated the costs of the service furnished, including its Commissioners, staff and apportioned administrative office costs for 2014/15.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A levy, at the rate of \$0.0157607194 per GJ equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 2013 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, 2014.
2. The following public utilities are required to pay the levy fixed for the 2014/15 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

Thermal Energy Utilities

Central Heat Distribution Limited
Dockside Green Energy
River District Energy Inc.
Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. - UniverCity
FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc. - Delta School District #37

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3. Pursuant to section 125 of the Act and the regulation of ICBC, ICBC shall pay the Commission's 2014/15 allocated budgeted expenses of \$700,000.00, in quarterly installments.
4. The Commission's cost recovery for ICBC for 2014/15 will be reviewed in the last quarter to ensure the apportioned costs to this company is appropriate.
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, 2014:

Keyera Energy (formerly Coastal Canada Field Services Inc. – Caribou area)	\$1,000
Canadian Natural Resources Limited - West Stoddart Plant	\$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 natural gas marketers shall each pay an annual levy of \$1,000 for the residential and commercial unbundling program for fiscal year 2014/15.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of May 2014.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Utility	Regulated Volume	Unit	Converted To GJ	2014/15 Annual Assessment \$ ¹	Billing Q1	Billing Q2	Billing Q3	Billing Q4 ²
B.C. Hydro & Power Authority ²	50262.00	GW.h	180,943,000	2,851,791.83	712,947.96	712,947.96	712,947.96	712,947.95
City of Nelson (Rural)	62.6	GW.h	225,000	3,546.16	886.54	886.54	886.54	886.54
Hemlock Electrical Services Limited	1.55	GW.h	6,000	94.56	23.64	23.64	23.64	23.64
FortisBC Inc. ²	2,516.00	GW.h	9,058,000	142,760.60	35,690.15	35,690.15	35,690.15	35,690.15
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation	0.08	GW.h	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CORIX Sun Rivers & Sonoma Pines (Electric)	15.84	GW.h	57,000	898.36	224.59	224.59	224.59	224.59
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd. (Lower Post)	0.79	GW.h	3,000	47.28	11.82	11.82	11.82	11.82
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC)					175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
FortisBC Energy Inc.								
Lower Mainland Division	119,419,000	GJ	119,419,000	1,882,129.35	470,532.34	470,532.34	470,532.34	470,532.33
Inland Division	49,422,000	GJ	49,422,000	778,926.28	194,731.57	194,731.57	194,731.57	194,731.57
Columbia Division	9,876,000	GJ	9,876,000	155,652.87	38,913.22	38,913.22	38,913.22	38,913.21
Fort Nelson Division	643,000	GJ	643,000	10,134.14	2,533.54	2,533.54	2,533.54	2,533.52
Revelstoke	202,000	GJ	202,000	3,183.67	795.92	795.92	795.92	795.91
FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc.								
Vancouver Island, Powell River and Sunshine Coast areas	19,762,000	GJ	19,762,000	311,463.34	77,865.84	77,865.84	77,865.84	77,865.82
CalGas - Kickinghorse/Canyon Ridge	22,000	GJ	22,000	346.74	86.69	86.69	86.69	86.67
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.								
Dawson Creek and Fort St. John	4,431,000	GJ	4,431,000	69,835.75	17,458.94	17,458.94	17,458.94	17,458.93
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.								
Tumbler Ridge	814,000	GJ	814,000	12,829.23	3,207.31	3,207.31	3,207.31	3,207.30
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (includes Granisle Grid)	5,934,000	GJ	5,934,000	93,524.11	23,381.03	23,381.03	23,381.03	23,381.02
Big White Gas Utility	39,000	GJ	39,000	614.67	153.67	153.67	153.67	153.66
FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc.	706,000	GJ	706,000	11,127.07	2,781.77	2,781.77	2,781.77	2,781.76
Port Alice Gas Inc.	12,754	GJ	12,754	201.02	50.26	50.26	50.26	50.24
Sun Peaks Utilities	74,000	GJ	74,000	1,166.29	291.57	291.57	291.57	291.58
Central Heat Distribution Limited	1,355,715	GJ	1,355,715	21,367.04	5,341.76	5,341.76	5,341.76	5,341.76
Stargas Utilities Ltd.	39,152	GJ	39,152	617.06	154.27	154.27	154.27	154.25
CORIX Multi-Utility Services								
Sun Rivers (gas), Panorama & Sonoma Pines	68,000	GJ	68,000	1,071.73	267.93	267.93	267.93	267.94
Dockside Green Energy	7,000	GJ	7,000	110.33	27.58	27.58	27.58	27.59
River District Energy	4,000	GJ	4,000	63.04	15.76	15.76	15.76	15.76
Corix UniverCity NUS	8,000	GJ	8,000	126.09	31.52	31.52	31.52	31.53
FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc. - Delta School District #37	9,028	GJ	9,028	142.29	35.57	35.57	35.57	35.58
TOTAL			403,139,649	6,353,770.90	1,763,442.76	1,763,442.76	1,763,442.76	1,763,442.62
2014/15 BCUC Forecasted Expenses	\$7,957,553.00							
2014/15 BCUC Forecasted Direct Recoveries	-\$1,400,000.00							
Plus: 2013/14 Deferred Recovery	\$25,217.90							
	7,082,770.90							
Less forecasted recoveries from:								
Natural Gas Marketers	-\$9,000.00							
Intra-Provincial Oil Pipeline Companies & Upstream Gas Processors	-\$20,000.00							