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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-73-15**

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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 2015/16 Fiscal Year

BEFORE: L. F. Kelsey, Commissioner
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner
K. A. Keilty, Commissioner
N. E. MacMurchy, Commissioner
I. F. MacPhail, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
D. M. Morton, Commissioner
May 7, 2015

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 Commission drafted its 2015/2016 budget and will be consulting with its stakeholders regarding the implications of the provincial government's independent review of the Commission. The results of those consultations may impact the Commission's 2015/2016 budget and the current year's levy for recovering Commission expenses; and
- C. To provide sufficient time for the budget consultation to occur, the Commission considers that it should establish a levy for the first quarter of 2015/2016 based on the levy for 2014/2015 as set by Commission Order G-64-14.

NOW THEREFORE the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The levy for the first quarter of 2015/2016 shall be set at the same level as the fourth quarter installment billing of Commission Order G-64-14 and 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, 2015.
- 2. The following public utilities are required to pay the levy fixed for the first quarter of 2015/16 fiscal year 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 Utility Services Ltd.
The Yukon Electrical Company Limited
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation
Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. – Sun Rivers

Gas Utilities

FortisBC Energy 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

Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.
Dockside Green Energy
River District Energy Inc.
Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. - UniverCity
FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc. - Delta School District #37

3. Pursuant to section 125 of the *Utilities Commission Act* and the regulation of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, ICBC shall pay the Commission's first quarter 2015/16 allocated budgeted expenses of \$175,000.00.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of May 2015.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. Morton
Commissioner

Attachment

Orders/G-73-15_BCUCFiscal2015-16 Levy First Quarter

British Columbia Utilities Commission
2015/2016 First Quarter Levy

Utility	2014/2015 Q4 Billing
B.C. Hydro & Power Authority	712,947.95
City of Nelson (Rural)	886.54
Hemlock Utility Services Ltd.	23.64
FortisBC Inc.	35,690.15
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation	0
Corix Sun Rivers & Sonoma Pines (Electric)	224.59
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd. (Lower Post)	11.82
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia	175,000.00
FortisBC Energy Inc.	788,154.12
CalGas - Kickinghorse/Canyon Ridge	86.67
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. - Dawson Creek and Fort St. John	17,458.93
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. - Tumbler Ridge	3,207.30
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (includes Granisle Grid)	23,381.02
Big White Gas Utility	153.66
Port Alice Gas Inc.	50.24
Sun Peaks Utilities	291.58
Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (formerly Central Heat)	5,341.76
Stargas Utilities Ltd.	154.25
Corix Multi-Utility Services - Sun Rivers (gas), Panorama & Sonoma Pines	267.94
Dockside Green Energy	27.59
River District Energy	15.76
Corix UniverCity NUS	31.53
FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc. - Delta School District #37	35.58
TOTAL	1,763,442.62

Source: Order G-64-14, Appendix A