



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-82-16**

IN THE MATTER OF  
the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

British Columbia Utilities Commission  
Recovery of Commission Costs  
for the 2016/17 Fiscal Year

**BEFORE:**

D. M. Morton, Commissioner  
D. J. Enns, Commissioner  
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner  
R. I. Mason, Commissioner  
R. D. Revel, Commissioner

on June 2, 2016

**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 2016/17 approved budget plus the Commission's over-recovery of \$1,342,004.21 from 2015/16. That figure is then divided by the total energy sales of the regulated energy utilities for the calendar year 2015;
- C. 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, 2016;
- 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. For ICBC, the Commission has estimated the costs of the service furnished, including its Commissioners, staff and apportioned administrative office costs for 2016/17.

**NOW THEREFORE** the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

1. A levy, at the rate of \$0.0152668 per GJ equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 2015 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, 2016.
2. The following public utilities are required to pay the levy fixed for the 2016/17 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  
Silersmith 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

FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc.  
Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.  
Dockside Green Energy  
River District Energy Inc.  
Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. – UniverCity and UBC

3. Pursuant to section 125 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the Act) and the regulation of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC), ICBC shall pay the Commission's 2016/17 allocated budgeted expenses of \$700,000.00, in quarterly installments.
4. The Commission's cost recovery for ICBC for 2016/17 will be reviewed in the last quarter to ensure the apportioned costs to this company are 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, 2016:

Canadian Natural Resources Limited	\$1,000
Canadian Natural Resources Limited – Inga Oil Pipeline	\$1,000
Trans Mountain (Jet Fuel) Inc.	\$1,000
Plateau Pipeline Ltd.	
- Blueberry	\$1,000
- Northeast BC & Boundary Lake	\$1,000
- Sunset Prairie	\$1,000
- Taylor to Dawson Creek	\$1,000
- Western System	\$1,000
Spectra Energy Midstream Corporation	
(Boundary Lake, Jedney I, Jedney II, Midwinter, Peggo, Sunrise, Tooga, West Doe	
& Hwy Processing & Pipeline Facilities, West Doe & Hwy Transportation &	
Processing Facilities)	\$10,000

6. The cost recovery revenue from natural gas marketers applying for licences to operate under the residential and commercial unbundling program shall be \$1,000.00 per applicant, for an estimated total of \$9,000.00.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2016.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D. M. Morton  
Commissioner

Attachment

**BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION - 2016/17 LEVY CALCULATION**

A	B	C	D	E	F	I	J	K	L
Utility	Regulated Sales \$	Regulated Volume	Unit	Converted To GJ	2015/16 Annual Assessment \$ <sup>1</sup>	Billing Q1	Billing Q2	Billing Q3	Billing Q4 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Electric</b>									
B.C. Hydro & Power Authority <sup>2</sup>	4,257,280,438	49549.00	GW.h	178,376,000	2,723,237.93	680,809.48	680,809.48	680,809.48	680,809.49
City of Nelson (Rural)	6,250,564.19	60.8	GW.h	219,000	3,343.44	835.86	835.86	835.86	835.86
FortisBC Inc. <sup>2</sup>	279,416,909	2,535.00	GW.h	9,126,000	139,325.19	34,831.30	34,831.30	34,831.30	34,831.29
Hemlock Utility Services Ltd.	222,673.23	1.509857	GW.h	5,000	76.33	19.08	19.08	19.08	19.09
Silversmith Power & Light Corporation	34,062.56	1.57	GW.h	6,000	91.60	22.90	22.90	22.90	22.90
CORIX Sun Rivers & Sonoma Pines (Electric)	1,795,555.00	16.579	GW.h	60,000	916.01	229.00	229.00	229.00	229.01
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd. (Lower Post)	125,400.00	0.80	GW.h	3,000	45.80	11.45	11.45	11.45	11.45
<b>Gas</b>									
FortisBC Energy Inc.									
Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, Whistler, Revelstoke	1,255,805,000.00	185,836.00	TJ	185,836,000	2,837,128.56	709,282.14	709,282.14	709,282.14	709,282.14
Fort Nelson Division	3,828,000.00	561.00	TJ	561,000	8,564.70	2,141.18	2,141.18	2,141.18	2,141.16
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.									
Dawson Creek and Fort St. John	25,951,767.00	4,359,230.00	GJ	4,359,230	66,551.67	16,637.92	16,637.92	16,637.92	16,637.91
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.									
Tumbler Ridge	1,958,570.00	944,517.00	GJ	944,517	14,419.79	3,604.95	3,604.95	3,604.95	3,604.94
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (includes Granisle Grid)	44,478,080.00	4,115,753.00	GJ	4,115,753	62,834.54	15,708.64	15,708.64	15,708.64	15,708.62
CORIX Multi-Utility Services									
Sun Rivers (gas), Panorama & Sonoma Pines	1,173,423.00	63,500.00	GJ	63,500	969.44	242.36	242.36	242.36	242.36
CalGas - Kickinghorse/Canyon Ridge	159,131.39	19,314.59	GJ	19,315	294.87	73.72	73.72	73.72	73.71
Big White Gas Utility	680,178.51	38,010.40	GJ	38,010	580.30	145.08	145.08	145.08	145.06
Port Alice Gas Inc.	181,858.00	8,266.00	GJ	8,266	126.20	31.55	31.55	31.55	31.55
Sun Peaks Utilities	1,607,502.00	72,264.00	GJ	72,264	1,103.24	275.81	275.81	275.81	275.81
Stargas Utilities Ltd.	232,894.84	37,498.00	GJ	37,498	572.48	143.12	143.12	143.12	143.12
<b>Thermal</b>									
FortisBC Alternative Energy Services									
Delta School District #37	347,232.00	19,204.00	GJ	19,204	293.18	73.30	73.30	73.30	73.28
Artemisia	35,464.00	1,317.00	GJ	1,317	20.11	5.03	5.03	5.03	5.02
Sovereign	264,834.00	8,513.00	GJ	8,513	129.97	32.49	32.49	32.49	32.50
Tsawwassen Springs	58,362.00	1,945.00	GJ	1,945	29.69	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.43
Glen Valley	59,868.00	1,996.00	GJ	1,996	30.47	7.62	7.62	7.62	7.61
Brant	16,986.00	566.00	GJ	566	8.64	2.16	2.16	2.16	2.16
Camden Green	30,363.00	1,012.00	GJ	1,012	15.45	3.86	3.86	3.86	3.87
Helen Gorman	22,229.00	741.00	GJ	741	11.31	2.83	2.83	2.83	2.82
Telus Garden	0.00	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corix									
UniverCity NUS	455,921.00	14,399.00	GJ	14,399	219.83	54.96	54.96	54.96	54.95
UBC	25,459.00	643.00	GJ	643	9.82	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.44
Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (formerly CHDL)	7,352,630.00	1,156,760.00	GJ	1,156,760	17,660.07	4,415.02	4,415.02	4,415.02	4,415.01
Dockside Green Energy	183,619.00	5,914.00	GJ	5,914	90.29	22.57	22.57	22.57	22.58
River District Energy	230,000.00	7,000.00	GJ	7,000	106.87	26.72	26.72	26.72	26.71
<b>Mandatory Auto Insurance</b>									
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia						175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>385,070,363</b>	<b>5,878,807.79</b>	<b>1,644,701.98</b>	<b>1,644,701.98</b>	<b>1,644,701.98</b>	<b>1,644,701.85</b>
2016/17 BCUC Forecast Expenses									
\$8,946,562.00									
2016/17 BCUC Forecast - Strategic Initiatives									
\$201,250.00									
2016/17 BCUC Forecasted Direct Recoveries									
-\$1,200,000.00									
Plus: 2015/16 Over Recovery (Credit)									
-1,342,004.21									
<u>6,605,807.79</u>									
BCUC Less Fixed Annual Fees:									
Natural Gas Marketers									
-9,000.00									
Intra-Provincial Oil Pipeline Companies & Upstream Gas Processors									
-18,000.00									
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia									
-700,000.00									
<u>\$5,878,807.79</u>									
2016/17 Net Forecast Expenses to be recovered									
Levy Calculation:									
\$5,878,807.79									
Units of Energy Sold in Calendar 2016									
385,070,363									
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\$0.0152668404 /GJ									

- 1 Recovery Deficit from 2015/16 is applied to the 2016/17 assessment.
- 2 Sales and Volumes for BC Hydro and FortisBC are net of figures for other distribution utilities.
- 3 The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly assessment and billing will be reviewed by the Commission at the beginning of the last quarter