



**ORDER NUMBER  
G-196-16**

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

and

Stargas Utilities Ltd.  
Application to Vary Delivery Rate, Amend Cost of Service Formula and  
Approve Replacement Term Financing/Redemption of Preferred Shares

**BEFORE:**

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair/Commissioner  
D. M. Morton, Commissioner

on December 22, 2016

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On September 26, 2016, Stargas Utilities Ltd. (Stargas) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for, among other things, interim and permanent approval of a \$0.45 per gigajoule delivery rate decrease for all customers, effective November 1, 2016 (Application);
- B. The Application also requests the approval of replacement term financing, the redemption of \$100,000 of preferred shares, amendments to the cost of service formula and an increase to the rates for management services;
- C. On October 6, 2016, Commission Order G-155-16 established a regulatory timetable for review of the Application, which provided for one round of information requests with further process to be determined;
- D. On October 13, 2016, Silver Star Property Owners Association (SSPOA) registered as an intervener in the proceeding;
- E. By letter dated November 29, 2016, Stargas sought advance approval from the Commission on matters relating to the proposed replacement term financing;
- F. On December 1, 2016, Commission Order G-176-16 established a Streamlined Review Process (SRP) on December 14, 2016, with further process to be determined. The SRP was held in Vancouver, BC with Stargas and SSPOA participating;
- G. Following the SRP, on December 16, 2016, Commission Order G-192-16 approved the replacement term financing and redemption of the preferred shares;

- H. By letter dated December 20, 2016, SSPOA requests the Commission establish a regulatory timetable allowing for a further round of information requests; and
- I. The Commission has reviewed SSPOA's request and finds the establishment of a regulatory timetable is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders that the regulatory timetable established by Order G-155-16 is amended as set out in Appendix A to this order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2016.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

R. I. Mason  
Commissioner

Attachment

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**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

ACTION	DATE (2017)
Commission and Intervener Information Requests No. 2	Thursday, January 19
Stargas responses to Information Requests No. 2	Tuesday, January 31
Stargas Written Final Argument	Friday, February 3
Intervener Written Final Argument	Friday, February 10
Stargas Written Reply Argument	Friday, February 17