



ORDER NUMBER
G-123-19

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

and

Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality
Gas Cost Reconciliation Account and Commodity Rate Decrease

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner
R. D. Revel, Commissioner
T. A. Loski, Commissioner

on June 6, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 31, 2019, on behalf of Resort Gas Ltd., Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality (SPMRM) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) a Gas Cost Reconciliation Account (GCRA) report, which includes actual and projected GCRA balances (GCRA Report), and requested a decrease of \$0.19 per gigajoule (GJ) in the Total Gas Commodity Charge from \$13.7110/GJ to \$13.5210/GJ for each rate group (Residential, Small Commercial, and Large Commercial), effective July 1, 2019 (Application);
- B. By Order G-6-19 dated January 10, 2019, the BCUC approved a decrease in the Total Gas Commodity Charge to \$13.7110/GJ for SPMRM, effective January 1, 2019;
- C. SPMRM's commodity and transportation costs (Commodity portion) and storage costs (Storage portion) are tracked through two separate balances within the GCRA. The GCRA Report shows a \$35,880 surplus balance in the Commodity portion of the GCRA and a \$29,672 surplus balance in the Storage portion of the GCRA, for a total net GCRA surplus balance of \$65,552 as of May 31, 2019;
- D. The requested \$0.19/GJ decrease in the Total Gas Commodity Charge comprises of:
 - i. An increase in the Gas Commodity Charge – Propane of \$0.3830/GJ from \$11.8340/GJ to \$12.2170;
 - ii. An increase in the Gas Commodity Charge – Storage of \$0.1430/GJ from \$1.6220/GJ to \$1.7650; and
 - iii. A decrease in the Gas Commodity Charge – GCRA of \$0.7160/GJ from \$0.2550/GJ to -\$0.4610/GJ;
- E. The requested decrease arises as a result of current and forecast propane commodity, transportation and storage costs; current and forecast propane consumption levels; and the amortization of the outstanding Commodity and Storage portions of the GCRA over a 12-month period;

- F. The requested rate changes using current delivery rates would result in a decrease in the annual bill before taxes of \$3.42 for an average townhouse consuming 18 GJ annually and \$16.15 for an average single-family house residential customer consuming 85 GJ annually; and
- G. The BCUC reviewed the GCRA Report and considers that SPMRM's requested rate changes are warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 61(4) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders the following:

1. The revised tariff page as filed within the Application is accepted for filing.
2. SPMRM commodity rates are set as follows for each rate group (Residential, Small Commercial, and Large Commercial), effective July 1, 2019:

Gas Commodity Charges	Rate (per GJ)
Gas Commodity Charge – Propane	\$12.2170
Gas Commodity Charge – Storage	\$1.7650
Gas Commodity Charge – GCRA	(\$0.4610)
Total Gas Commodity Charge	\$13.5210

3. SPMRM is to inform its customers of the approved rates in a timely manner by way of a customer notice.
4. SPMRM is directed to file a report with the BCUC by November 31, 2019, on the Gas Cost Reconciliation Account balances, including but not limited to propane price forecasts, commodity cost forecasts and GCRA balances for the following twelve months and, if necessary, proposed changes to commodity rates.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 6th day of June 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan
Commissioner