



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**G-372-21**

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

and

Stargas Utilities Ltd.  
Natural Gas Purchase Plan and Commodity Rate Application  
Effective November 1, 2021

**BEFORE:**

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair  
A. C. Dennier, Commissioner  
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

December 15, 2021

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On September 15, 2021, Stargas Utilities Ltd. (Stargas) filed an application under Section 71 and Section 61(4) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) seeking approval of its Natural Gas Purchase Plan for the contract year from November 1, 2021, to October 31, 2022, and approval to increase the commodity rate from \$5.82 per gigajoule (GJ) to \$8.17 per GJ, or approximately 40 percent, effective November 1, 2021 (Application);
- B. By Order G-133-21 dated May 3, 2021, the BCUC accepted Stargas' previous Natural Gas Purchase Plan, denied Stargas' request to amortize the Gas Cost Variance Account balance over a 12-month period (November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021) by including \$1.24 per GJ in the proposed commodity rate and approved an increase in the gas commodity rate charged to Stargas customers from \$3.98 per GJ to \$5.82 per GJ, effective November 1, 2020;
- C. By Order G-290-21 dated October 8, 2021, the BCUC approved Stargas' request to increase its commodity rate from \$5.82/GJ to \$8.17/GJ, effective November 1, 2021, on an interim, refundable or collectable basis and established a regulatory timetable for review of the Application, which included a letter of comment submission period and one round of BCUC Information Requests (IR);
- D. By letter dated October 29, 2021, the BCUC issued public and confidential IR No. 1 to Stargas. By November 24, 2021, Stargas submitted its public and confidential responses to BCUC IR No. 1, as well as its responses to customer letters of comment; and
- E. The BCUC has reviewed the submissions and evidence to date and determines that further regulatory process is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** the BCUC establishes a further regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

T. A. Loski  
Commissioner

Attachment

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**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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Action	Date (2022)
Stargas Final Argument	Wednesday, January 12