



ORDER NUMBER
A-8-23

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

and

Access Gas Services Inc.
Application for Renewal of its Gas Marketer Licence
under the Customer Choice Program

BEFORE:

B.A. Magnan, Chair
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner

on October 30, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 71.1(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) requires a person who is not a public utility and who performs a gas marketing activity for low-volume consumers to hold a Gas Marketer License issued by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC);
- B. The BCUC established Rules for Gas Marketers pursuant to subsection 71.1(10) of the UCA to assist the administration of Gas Marketer licensing. The BCUC reviews and updates the Rules for Gas Marketers from time to time, most recently on October 18, 2013 by Order A-12-13;
- C. On August 23, 2023, Access Gas Services Inc. (Access Gas), applied to the BCUC for renewal of its Gas Marketer Licence for the period November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024. The application for renewal of its Licence to Market Natural Gas (Application) included the payment of the \$1,000 Application Fee and proof of security, pursuant to Sections 2 and 4 respectively, of the Licence Requirements;
- D. In the Application, Access Gas requests that the BCUC hold the Application confidential on the basis that the contents are commercially sensitive; and
- E. The BCUC has reviewed Access Gas' Application and relying upon the information and representations made by Access Gas finds that renewal of its Gas Marketer Licence, subject to certain conditions, is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 71.1 of the UCA and BCUC Order A-12-13, the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A Gas Marketer Licence is issued to Access Gas for the period of November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024.
- 2. Access Gas' Application will be held confidential until the BCUC determines otherwise.

3. This Gas Marketer Licence is subject to the following conditions:

- a. Access Gas must carry out the undertakings as provided in its Application for a Gas Marketer Licence and as set out in the Rules for Gas Marketers established by Order A-12-13.
- b. Access Gas must comply with the Code of Conduct for Gas Marketers and Rate Schedule 36 of FortisBC Energy Inc.
- c. Access Gas shall ensure that its employees, salespersons or other representatives of its products and services comply with the standards required of a Gas Marketer as set out in the Code of Conduct for Gas Marketers and Access Gas shall be responsible for any non-compliance of its employees, salespersons or other representatives of its products and services.
- d. Access Gas must maintain the proof of security submitted to satisfy Section 4, Financial Qualifications, of the Licence Requirements, in full force and effect for the duration of the Gas Marketer Licence.
- e. Access Gas must file with the BCUC, pursuant to item 10.0 of the Rules for Gas Marketers, the following information:
 - i. The most recent version of the documents submitted to satisfy Sections 6 and 7, Financial Statements, of the Licence Requirements, for BCUC staff's review and acceptance, in a timely manner; and
 - ii. The most recent version of the documents submitted under Sections 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the Licence Requirements for the BCUC's comment and approval, as necessary, prior to commercial distribution and/or use.
- f. The BCUC may, at any time and without prior notice to Access Gas, amend or impose new terms and conditions on, suspend, or cancel the Gas Marketer Licence for reasons the BCUC, in its sole discretion, considers sufficient.
- g. Access Gas must strictly adhere to its approved Third-Party Verification script as outlined in Article 33 of the Code of Conduct for Gas Marketers.
- h. The Gas Marketer Licence and all copies of it shall remain the property of the BCUC. Access Gas will return these documents forthwith upon written request from the BCUC.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th day of October 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B.A. Magnan
Commissioner

Attachment



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British Columbia
Utilities Commission

LICENCE No. A-8-23

GAS MARKETER LICENCE

Access Gas Services Inc.

is granted a licence for the purpose of providing advice to, or acting on behalf of residential and commercial customers purchasing gas directly in the Province of British Columbia subject to the terms and conditions contained in BCUC Order A-8-23, which are set out in the reverse of the Licence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Original signed by:

B.A. Magnan, Commissioner

ISSUED: October 30, 2023
EFFECTIVE: November 1, 2023
EXPIRES: October 31, 2024

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