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ORDER NUMBER G-316-23

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

and

Resort Gas Ltd. 2023 Revenue Requirements

BEFORE:

E. B Lockhart, Panel Chair W.M. Everett, KC, Commissioner

on November 20, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. Pursuant to Order G-359-22, on April 28, 2023, Resort Gas Ltd. (Resort Gas) filed its 2023 Revenue Requirements Application (RRA) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval to set the current 2023 interim delivery rates as the permanent 2023 delivery rates, effective January 1, 2023 (Application);
- B. By Orders G-152-23 and G-240-23, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which included, among other things, Resort Gas filing supplemental information, two rounds of BCUC Information Requests (IRs) to Resort Gas, and a letter of comment process. Pursuant to the orders, Resort Gas provided public notice of its application by June 23, 2023, and provided written confirmation to the BCUC as directed.
- C. The BCUC did not receive any letters of comment by the August 24, 2023 deadline;
- D. Resort Gas states that its Application for no change to the permanent 2023 rates is based on a forecast 2023 revenue surplus of \$5,606. Further, if there is a difference between interim and permanent rates, Resort Gas estimates \$5,000 as the cost to process adjustments to customers. Given the small amount of the forecast revenue surplus, Resort Gas submits that no change to the delivery rates should be made and that it will transfer any surplus in the actual return over the allowed return to the Gas Cost Reconciliation Account to reduce customer rates; and
- E. The BCUC has considered the Application and evidence filed in the proceeding and makes the following determinations.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. Resort Gas's current 2023 interim delivery rates are approved as permanent, effective January 1, 2023.
- 2. Resort Gas is directed to file updated tariff pages reflecting the 2023 permanent rates for endorsement within 30 days of the issuance of this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20th day of November 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

E.B. Lockhart Commissioner