



ORDER NUMBER

A-2-24

IN THE MATTER OF

the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

Buy Low Gas Marketing Inc.
Gas Marketer Licence

BEFORE:

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

on June 20, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 22, 2023, Buy Low Gas Marketing Inc. (Buy Low Gas) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for a Gas Marketer Licence (Application). The Application included the payment of the \$1,000 application fee;
- B. 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 Licence issued by the BCUC;
- C. 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;
- D. In the Application, Buy Low Gas requests that the BCUC hold confidential its financial statements, those of its parent company and operational materials marked confidential on the basis that the contents are commercially sensitive;
- E. On March 11, 2024, BCUC staff issued BCUC Staff Questions No. 1 to Buy Low Gas, which Buy Low Gas responded to on March 12, 2024. On April 18, 2024, the BCUC issued Confidential Information Request No. 1 to Buy Low Gas, which Buy Low Gas responded confidentially to on May 8, 2024; and
- F. The BCUC has reviewed Buy Low Gas's Application and responses to Staff Questions and Information Requests and, relying upon the information and representations made by Buy Low Gas, finds that issuance of a 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 Buy Low Gas for the period from the date of this order to October 31, 2024.
2. The Buy Low Gas financial statements, financial statements of its parent company and operational materials marked confidential filed as part of the Application will be held confidential until the BCUC determines otherwise.
3. This Gas Marketer Licence is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Buy Low 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. Buy Low Gas must comply with the Code of Conduct for Gas Marketers and Rate Schedule 36 of FortisBC Energy Inc.
 - c. Buy Low 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 Buy Low Gas shall be responsible for any non-compliance of its employees, salespersons or other representatives of its products and services.
 - d. Buy Low Gas must maintain the proof of financial resources submitted to satisfy Section 7, Financial Statements, of the Licence Requirements, in full force and effect for the duration of the Gas Marketer Licence.
 - e. Buy Low 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 requirements 6, financial statements, and 7, proof of sufficient financial resources, of the Gas Marketer Licence Requirements, included as Attachment 1 to the Rules for Gas Marketers, 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 Buy Low 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. Buy Low Gas must notify the BCUC of any material change in circumstances that adversely affects or is likely to adversely affect the business, operations or assets of Buy Low Gas as soon as practicable, but in any event no more than (15) calendar days past the date upon which such change occurs.
 - h. Buy Low Gas must strictly adhere to its approved Third-Party Verification script(s) as outlined in Article 33 of the Code of Conduct for Gas Marketers.
 - i. The Gas Marketer Licence and all copies of it shall remain the property of the BCUC. Buy Low 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 20th day of June 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B.A. Magnan
Commissioner

Attachment



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British Columbia
Utilities Commission

LICENCE No. A-2-24

GAS MARKETER LICENCE

Buy Low Gas Marketing 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-2-24, which are set out in the reverse of the Licence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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ISSUED: June 20, 2024
EFFECTIVE: June 20, 2024
EXPIRES: October 31, 2024

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