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December 10, 2009

Mr. Tom Loski **Chief Regulatory Officer** Terasen Gas Inc. 16705 Fraser Highway Surrey, BC V4N 0E8

Dear Mr. Loski:

cms Enclosure

Re: Terasen Gas Inc. 2009 Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report and Rate Changes effective January 1, 2010 for the Fort Nelson Service Area

Further to your December 3, 2009 filing of the 2009 Fourth Quarter Gas Costs, enclosed please find Commission Order G-155-09.

Yours/truly

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for:

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IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

An Application by Terasen Gas Inc.
Regarding 2009 Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Report and
Rate Changes effective January 1, 2010
for the Fort Nelson Service Area

BEFORE:

L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner

D.A. Cote, Commissioner

P.E. Vivian, Commissioner

December 10, 2009

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By Order G-106-09 dated September 10, 2009 the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") approved the Gas Cost Recovery Charge for the Fort Nelson Service Area; and
- B. On December 3, 2009, pursuant to Commission Letter L-5-01, Terasen Gas Inc. ("Terasen Gas") filed its 2009 Fourth Quarter Report on the Gas Cost Reconciliation Account ("GCRA") balance and gas commodity recovery charges for the Fort Nelson Service Area effective January 1, 2010, that were based on November 18, 2009 forward gas prices (the "2009 Fourth Quarter Report"); and
- C. The 2009 Fourth Quarter Report forecasted that gas commodity charges at current rates would be 84.9 percent of costs for the following 12 months; and requested an increase of \$0.979/GJ in gas commodity recovery charges for natural gas customers in Fort Nelson Service Area, effective January 1, 2010; and
- D. On December 7, 2009, Terasen Gas filed a Revised 2009 Fourth Quarter Report on the GCRA balance and gas commodity recovery charges for the Fort Nelson Service Area effective January 1, 2010, that were based on December 2, 2009 forward gas prices (the "Revised 2009 Fourth Quarter Report"); and
- E. The Revised 2009 Fourth Quarter Report forecasts that gas commodity charges at current rates would be 87.2 percent of costs for the following 12 months; and has requested an increase of \$0.808/GJ in gas commodity recovery charges for natural gas customers in Fort Nelson Service Area, effective January 1, 2010; and

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- F. This equates to an increase to a typical residential customer's annual bill, based on an annual consumption of 140 GJ, of approximately \$113 or 10.0 percent; and
- G. The Commission has determined that the requested changes, as outlined in the Revised 2009 Fourth Quarter Report, should be approved.

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

- 1. The Commission approves a \$0.808/GJ increase in the Gas Cost Recovery Charge for Fort Nelson Service Area to \$6.309/GJ effective January 1, 2010, as set out in Terasen Gas' Revised 2009 Fourth Quarter Report for Fort Nelson Service Area.
- 2. Terasen Gas is to notify all customers that are affected by the rate changes with a bill insert or bill message to be included with the next monthly gas billing.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this

day of December 2009.

BY ORDER

D.A. Cote Commissioner