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STARGAS NATURAL GAS PURCHASE PLAN AND TO VARY COMMODITY RATE EXHIBIT A-5

Mr. M.A. (Moe) Blumes
President
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Re: Stargas Utilities Ltd. – Natural Gas Purchase Plan and Updated Application to Vary Commodity Rate – Project No. 1599142 – Order G-321-20

Dear Mr. Blumes:

Further to the above-noted matter, enclosed please find British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-321-20 amending the regulatory timetable.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Marija Tresoglavic
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ORDER NUMBER
G-321-20

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, 2020

BEFORE:
C. M. Brewer, Panel Chair
K. A. Keilty, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on December 8, 2020

ORDER

WHEREAS:

A. On September 15, 2020, 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, 2020 to October 31, 2021 and approval to increase the commodity rate from $3.98 per gigajoule (GJ) to $7.48 per GJ or approximately 88 percent, effective November 1, 2020 (Application);

B. On October 21, 2020, Stargas filed an updated application with the BCUC seeking approval to increase the commodity rate from $3.98 per GJ to $7.87 per GJ or approximately 98 percent, effective November 1, 2020 (Updated Application), based on updated forecast gas cost as on October 20, 2020;

C. By Order G-271-20, dated October 27, 2020, the BCUC directed Stargas to maintain its commodity rate at the existing rate of $3.98 per GJ on an interim and refundable basis, effective date November 1, 2020. Any variance between approved interim rates and permanent rates as determined at the time the BCUC renders its final decision on the Updated Application is to be refunded to or collected from ratepayers, with interest at the average prime rate of Stargas' principal bank for the most recent year;

D. By Order G-271-20, the BCUC also established a regulatory timetable for review of the Updated Application;

E. On October 29, 2020, Silver Star Property Owners Association (SSPOA) registered as an intervener in the proceeding;

F. By letter dated December 3, 2020, Stargas requested an extension for the filing deadline of responses to BCUC and SSPOA Information Requests (IR) No. 1; and

G. The BCUC has reviewed Stargas's request and finds that an extension to the deadline for filing IR responses is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders that the regulatory timetable established by Order G-271-20 is amended, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of December 2020.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

C. M. Brewer
Commissioner

Attachment

Stargas Utilities Ltd.
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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2020)
Stargas responses to BCUC and SSPOA IR No. 1	Thursday, December 10
Further process	To be determined