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

and

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

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner

D. Morton, Commissioner

C.A. Brown, Commissioner

September 22, 2011

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 31, 2011 Access Gas Services Inc. (Access Gas), applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for renewal of its Gas Marketer Licence. The Application for renewal of its Licence to Market Natural Gas (Application) included the payment of the \$1,000 Application Fee and a \$250,000 proof of security, pursuant to Sections 2 and 4 respectively, under Licence Requirements;
- B. The Commission 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 conditions, is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 71.1(6) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission issues to Access Gas a Gas Marketer Licence for the period of November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012.
- 2. This licence is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Access Gas will carry out the undertakings as set out in the Application for a Licence to Market Natural Gas dated July 25, 2011 and the Rules for Gas Marketers.

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- b. Access Gas will comply with the Code of Conduct for Gas Marketers and Rate Schedule 36 of FortisBC Energy Inc. 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.
- c. Access Gas will maintain a \$250,000 performance security in full force and effect for the duration of the Licence.
- d. Access Gas will file with the Commission, pursuant to item 10.0 of the Rules for Gas Marketers, the following information as it becomes available:
 - i. Unaudited quarterly financial statements;
 - ii. The most recent version of those documents that Access Gas provided to demonstrate that it continues to satisfy Section 7, Financial Qualifications, of the Licence Requirements;
 - iii. The most recent version of the documents submitted under Sections (8), (9), (10), (11) and (12) of the Licence Requirements.
- e. The Commission 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 Commission, in its sole discretion, deems and considers sufficient.
- f. The Gas Marketer Licence and all copies of it shall remain the property of the Commission. Access Gas will return these documents forthwith upon written request from the Commission.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of September 2011.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. Morton Commissioner

Attachment

LICENCE No. A-14-11



GAS MARKETER LICENCE

ACCESS GAS SERVICES INC.

is granted a licence for the purpose of providing advice to, or acting on behalf of, a low volume consumer ⁽¹⁾ purchasing gas directly in the Province of British Columbia subject to the terms and conditions contained in Commission Order A-14-11, which are set out in the reverse of the Licence.

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Original signed by:

D. Morton, Commissioner

ISSUED: November 1, 2011 EXPIRES: October 31, 2012

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