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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-76-12**

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

and

An Application by Sun Peaks Utilities Co., Ltd.
For Approval of a Change to Customer Rates

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner June 7, 2012
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner
D.M. Morton, Commissioner

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By Order G-201-11-11 dated December 1, 2011, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved the propane commodity rate increase for the Sun Peaks Utilities Co., Ltd. service area (SPUCL) effective December 1, 2011;
- B. Pursuant to Order G-201-11, SPUCL filed with the Commission a report on the Gas Cost Recovery Account balances and forecast propane costs for the following 12 months on May 10, 2012;
- C. Included in the May 10, 2012 filing, SPUCL applied for a Gas Commodity Charge - Propane decrease of \$5.00 per gigajoule and a Gas Commodity Charge-Storage increase of \$1.195 per gigajoule for all Rate Groups (Residential, Small Commercial and Large Commercial customers) to be effective June 1, 2012, as a result of current and forecast propane commodity costs, current and forecast propane consumption levels, and to maintain the current Gas Cost Reconciliation Account (GCRA) at appropriate levels;
- D. The proposed change will decrease the annual bill for a typical customer by approximately 10.1 percent for a townhouse, 13.5 percent for a detached house, 14.3 percent for a small commercial, and 14.5 percent for a large commercial hotel;
- E. The Commission has considered the proposed change to propane and storage charges, and finds that the change to customer rates is justified.

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

1. The Commission approves the decrease in the SPUCL Gas Commodity Charge - Propane rate from \$21.25/GJ to \$16.25/GJ, effective June 1, 2012.
2. The Commission approves the increase in the SPUCL Gas Commodity Charge - Storage rate from \$2.155/GJ to \$3.350/GJ, effective June 1, 2012.
3. SPUCL is to inform its customers of the approved rates in a timely fashion, by way of a customer notice.
4. By November 16, 2012, SPUCL is directed to file with the Commission a report on the Gas Cost Recovery Account balances, updated forecast propane costs for the following 12 months, an update on the natural gas pipeline alternative and, if necessary, proposed changes to commodity rates to be effective December 1, 2012.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, In the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of June 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner