



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-29-12**

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

and

An Application by FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc.
Regarding Gas Cost Recovery Charge effective April 1, 2012

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
D.M. Morton, Commissioner
R.D. Revel, Commissioner
March 8, 2012

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. By Order G-196-11 dated November 24, 2011, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) approved the FortisBC Energy (Whistler) Inc. (FEW) Gas Cost Recovery Charge of \$5.057/GJ and the Rate Rider A rate of \$0.256/GJ refund amount, effective January 1, 2012;
- B. On March 1, 2012, FEW filed its 2012 First Quarter Gas Cost Report on the Gas Cost Reconciliation Account (GCRA) balance and gas commodity recovery charge for the Whistler Service Area effective April 1, 2012, that were based on the five-day average forward prices ending February 17, 2012 (2012 First Quarter Report);
- C. The 2012 First Quarter Report requested approval for a decrease of \$1.028/GJ in the Gas Cost Recovery Charge, to a rate of 4.029/GJ, effective April 1, 2012;
- D. The proposed change to the Gas Cost Recovery Charge would decrease a typical Whistler residential customer's annual bill by approximately \$93 or 5.9 percent, based on an average annual consumption of 90 GJ;
- E. The Commission has determined that the requested changes as outlined in the 2012 First Quarter Report should be approved.

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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, as requested within the 2012 First Quarter Report, a \$1.028GJ decrease in the FEW Gas Cost Recovery Charge, to a rate of \$4.029/GJ, effective April 1, 2012.
2. FEW will notify all customers that are affected by the rate change with a bill insert or bill message to be submitted to the Commission prior to its release with the next monthly gas billing.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, In the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of March 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. Morton
Commissioner