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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-116-12**

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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 and Rate Rider A effective October 1, 2012

BEFORE: D.M. Morton, Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner
L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner September 6, 2012
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner
R.D. Revel, Commissioner

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) the Rate Rider A rate of \$0.256/GJ refund amount, effective January 1, 2012;
- B. By Order G-29-12 dated March 9, 2012, the Commission approved the FEW Gas Cost Recovery Charge of \$4.029/GJ , effective April 1, 2012;
- C. On August 29, 2012, FEW filed its 2012 Third Quarter Gas Cost Report on the Gas Cost Reconciliation Account (GCRA) balance and Gas Cost Recovery Charge for the Whistler service area that were based on the five-day average forward prices ending August 17, 2012 (2012 Third Quarter Report);
- D. The 2012 Third Quarter Report requested the FEW Gas Cost Recovery Charge of \$4.029/GJ remain unchanged as of October 1, 2012;
- E. The 2012 Third Quarter Report requested approval to reset Rate Rider A from the current \$0.256/GJ refund amount to \$0.329/GJ refund amount, effective October 1, 2012, until its scheduled expiry at December 31, 2012, in order to effectively return the entire remaining GCRA surplus to customers by the scheduled expiry;
- F. The proposed change to the Rate Rider A equates to a decrease to a typical Whistler residential customer's annual bill by approximately \$7 or 0.5 percent, based on an average annual consumption of 90 GJ;

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G. The Commission has reviewed the 2012 Third Quarter Report and considers the requested approval is warranted.

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 Third Quarter Report, the Rate Rider A be reset to a \$0.329/GJ refund amount, effective October 1, 2012 through to December 31, 2012.
2. The Gas Cost Recovery Charge of \$4.029/GJ remains unchanged as of October 1, 2012.
3. FEW is to inform all customers affected by the Rate Rider A rate change.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, In the Province of British Columbia, this 6th day of September 2012.

BY ORDER
Original signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner