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ORDER NUMBER G-7-18

IN THE MATTER OF the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc.

Application regarding 2014 Excess Unaccounted for Gas Balance and
Associated Recovery of Capital costs - Panorama Mountain Village

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, CommissionerD. J. Enns, CommissionerR. D. Revel, CommissionerR. I. Mason, Commissioner

on January 11, 2018

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 28, 2017, Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. (Corix) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) regarding the 2014 Excess Unaccounted for Gas (UAF) Balance and Associated Recovery of Capital Costs at Panorama Mountain Village (Application);
- B. By Order G-132-15 dated August 6, 2015, the Commission noted that the outstanding 2014 excess UAF balance is \$44,700 for the year ended December 31, 2014, and stated the following in Directive No. 2:
 - Corix is directed to maintain the excess UAF balance for the 2014 year in the Gas Cost Reconciliation Account (GCRA). The Commission acknowledges that Corix will install metering equipment to ensure deliveries match billing from its suppliers to address the UAF issue. Corix must file an application with the Commission for the treatment of the outstanding 2014 excess UAF balance by no later than July 31, 2017, and may apply to recover the meter installation costs by no later than July 31, 2017.
- C. In the Application, Corix submits that it has undertaken a full review of its operations and processes related to propane delivery, storage, vaporization, distribution and customer billing to resolve the UAF issue. Pursuant to section 44.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), Corix seeks approval of capital costs in the amount of \$23,569.81 for a new master distribution meter, new propane tank gauges, and propane bottle fill meter;
- D. In the Application, Corix submits that it is not applying to recover the outstanding 2014 excess UAF balance in the amount of \$44,700, and that Corix's shareholder will absorb this cost;

- E. On November 24, 2017 and December 4, 2017, Corix filed responses to Commission staff questions related to the Application;
- F. The Commission has reviewed the Application and related information.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. In compliance with Order G-132-15, the Commission acknowledges that Corix is not seeking recovery from customers of the outstanding 2014 excess UAF balance in the amount of \$44,700.
- 2. Pursuant to section 44.2 of the UCA, the capital expenditures in the amount of \$23,569.81 related to the master distribution meter, new propane tank gauges, and propane bottle fill meter are accepted as being in the public interest.
- 3. The way in which Corix recovers the \$23,569.81 in capital expenditures as accepted by this order, including any depreciation time horizon, will be considered upon a future rate change application.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of January 2018.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

B. A. Magnan Commissioner