

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

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

and

A Filing by Big White Gas Utility Ltd. 2009 Revenue Requirement Application

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner

P.E. Vivian, Commissioner May 28, 2009

## ORDER

## WHEREAS:

- A. On June 19, 2008 the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") issued Order G-98-08 with Directive No. 4 that Big White Gas Utility Ltd. ("Big White") was to file by September 30, 2008 a financial forecast for the June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009 fiscal year; and
- B. On September 26, 2008 Big White filed a financial forecast for the June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009 fiscal year, seeking Commission approval; and
- C. On November 6, 2008 the Commission issued Order G-162-08 (the "Order") which confirmed that the current rates are in the public interest and Big White should continue to operate under its existing tariff without filing a 2008 Revenue Requirement Application; and
- D. The Order further directed Big White to file by April 30, 2009 a financial forecast for the June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010 fiscal year that demonstrates that its current rates are reasonable so that a filing of a 2009 Revenue Requirement Application would not be required; and
- E. On April 21, 2009 Big White complied with the Order and filed a financial forecast for the June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010 fiscal year (the "Filing"); and
- F. The Commission has reviewed Big White's Filing and finds that while it is in accordance with Order G-162-08, a determination is required.

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NOW THEREFORE pursuant to sections 24 and 59 of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission has determined the current rates to be reasonable and Big White should continue to operate under its existing tariff without filing a 2009 Revenue Requirement Application.
- 2. Big White is directed to file by February 28, 2010 a financial forecast for the June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011 fiscal year for review and approval by the Commission, for rates effective as of June 1, 2010.
- 3. Big White is required, for the June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011 financial forecast submission, to provide additional details to each of the expense items shown in the financial forecast to include a description of charges along with a discussion as to the increases/decreases from year to year.

28<sup>th</sup> **DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this

day of May 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey Commissioner