

## BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

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## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60

and

IN THE MATTER OF Applications for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to Section 51 of the Act, for the provision of natural gas service to the District of Tumbler Ridge and surrounding area.

BEFORE: M. Taylor,
Chairman;
J.D.V. Newlands,
Deputy Chairman; and
B.M. Sullivan,
Commissioner

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## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS in November, 1981 the Commission published a newspaper advertisement inviting interested persons to submit Applications not later than December 21, 1981 for the provision of Transmission and Distribution facilities to provide natural gas service to the District of Tumbler Ridge and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS the following submitted Application documents in response to the above:

ICG Utilities (British Columbia) Ltd.

Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd.

Northland Utilities (B.C.) Limited; and

WHEREAS Westcoast Transmission Company Limited provided a submission concerning Transmission facilities only; and

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WHEREAS Commission Order No. G-3-82 established Tuesday, February 16, 1982 for commencement of the public hearing; and

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WHEREAS the public hearing was rescheduled to commence March 9, 1982 at Dawson Creek, B.C.; and

WHEREAS the public hearing continued at Dawson Creek from Tuesday, March 9, 1982 through Saturday, March 13, 1982; adjourned to Vancouver, continuing in evening sessions on March 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, and 25, 1982; and

WHEREAS the Commission has considered the Applications and supporting documents together with the evidence adduced at the hearings, and finds that the proposed project is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS the matter of timing, and the heating load contemplated in the Tumbler Ridge project may be affected by a variety of outside factors beyond the control of the Applicant; and

WHEREAS the Commission is prepared to consider modifications and their impact with regard to the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission hereby orders as follows:

1. Northland Utilities (B.C.) Limited ("Northland") is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under Section 51 of the Utilities Commission Act for the provision of natural gas service to the District of Tumbler Ridge and surrounding area.

- 2. Northland is to proceed expeditiously with the construction of its proposed Processing, Transmission and Distribution facilities to the end that the provision of natural gas service be available for the requirements of the District of Tumbler Ridge.
- 3. Northland is required to file monthly progress reports until the commencement of gas service at Tumbler Ridge.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 1st day of April, 1982.

BY ORDER

Chairman