



BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-62-87

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

and

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd.

BEFORE: J.D.V. Newlands,)
Deputy Chairman;)
D.B. Kilpatrick;)
Commissioner; and) October 26, 1987
N. Martin,)
Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd. ("Inland")
applied June 18, 1987, pursuant to Section 61 of the Utilities
Commission Act ("the Act") for an Order of the British Columbia
Utilities Commission ("the Commission") approving the acquisition
by Inland from Superior Propane Inc. of a reviewable interest of
Squamish Gas Co. Ltd. ("Squamish"), being 100% of the voting
shares of Squamish; and

WHEREAS the Application by Inland stated "If the
Utilities Commission grants the Order sought hereunder Inland
proposes to cause Squamish Gas to purchase from Superior all of
the assets of Granisle Grid Sytem ("Granisle Grid") and to hold
and operate such assets as a separate regulatory unit within
Squamish Gas"; and

WHEREAS in Tab 4 of Inland's Application a Statement
of Preliminary Plans for Squamish Gas Co. Ltd. and Granisle Grid
states:

"Inland's primary focus in acquiring gas
distribution properties is to bring the
following benefits to the acquired utility:

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- to expand the existing facilities to make service available to all potential consumers;
- to reduce rates paid by consumers to the lowest possible level consistent with a reasonable level of service;
- to improve the level of service;
- to bring the most efficient and safety-oriented operating methods to the utilities;
- to provide administrative and personnel support to the employees of the utilities;
- to make available to the utilities Inland's industrial development and community support services."; and

WHEREAS Section 61(8) of the Act states:

"The commission may give its approval under this section subject to conditions and requirements it considers necessary or desirable in the public interest, but the commission shall not give its approval under this section unless it considers that the public utility and the users of the service of the public utility will not be detrimentally affected."; and

WHEREAS the Commission concludes that general interest and public interest require the Application to be heard in public forum.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders:

1. That the Inland Application be set for public hearing commencing at 9:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, November 19, 1987 at the Chieftain Hotel Ltd., 3239 Cleveland, Squamish, B.C.
2. That Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd. arrange for publication of a Notice of Public Hearing in one issue only of an appropriate publication covering the service areas of Squamish Gas and the Granisle Grid.
3. That any interested party intending to be present and participate in the public hearing or who may intend to present a written submission pertaining to Inland's Application should provide one copy each to the Commission Secretary, and to Inland not later than Monday, November 9, 1987.

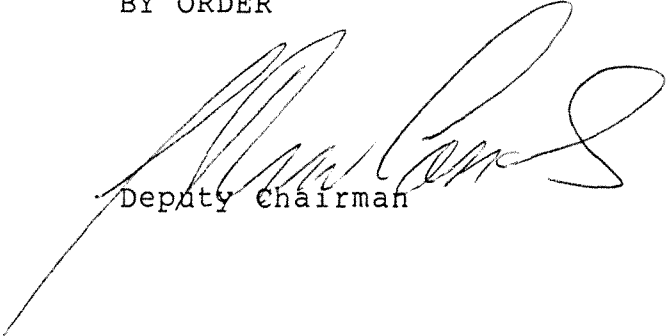
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DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of
British Columbia, this *27th* day of October, 1987.

BY ORDER


Deputy Chairman



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE APPLICATION

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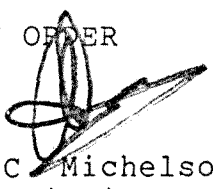
WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

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CONDUCT OF THE HEARING

Enquiries about the conduct of the hearing and matters related thereto may be made to the Commission Secretary by telephone, 660-4700 or in writing.

BY ORDER


A.C. Michelson
Commission Secretary