



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 Applications for Energy
Project Certificates to Construct and
Operate "By-pass" Natural Gas Pipelines at
or near Prince George, B.C.

BEFORE: Mr. V. Millard,)
Commissioner;) September 1, 1987

ORDER

WHEREAS on June 5, 1987 The Honourable Jack Davis, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and The Honourable Bruce Strachan, Minister of Environment and Parks referred Applications for Energy Project Certificates by Northwood Pulp and Timber Ltd. ("Northwood"), Prince George Pulp and Paper Limited ("PGPP") and Husky Oil Operations Ltd. ("Husky") to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("Commission") for review; and

WHEREAS on July 22, 1987 a Notice of Public Hearing was published establishing a hearing date of Wednesday, September 9, 1987 at Prince George, B.C.; and

WHEREAS by letter dated August 19, 1987 the Corporation of the City of Nelson applied to the Commission for an Order that By-pass Hearings be deferred until such time as the Commission completes its Decision on the Inland Rate Design Application; and

WHEREAS on August 21, 1987 Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd. ("Inland") wrote the Commission requesting approval of a Letter of Intent respecting rates and conditions of service by Inland to PGPP, which if approved by the Commission commits PGPP to withdraw its By-pass Application; and

WHEREAS on August 27, 1987 Inland requested approval of a similar Letter of Intent in respect of Husky; and

WHEREAS on August 26, 1987 the Commission wrote to all participants in the hearing requesting submissions on the timing, scope and method of proceeding with the hearing; and

WHEREAS the Commission has considered the views of participants in the hearing and concludes that a postponement of the hearing of the PGPP/Husky Application is desirable and will provide for a more focused and expeditious proceeding; and

WHEREAS Northwood has advised the Commission that the Company has not reached an agreement with Inland and Northwood's interests will be jeopardized by any delay in the hearing of Northwood's Application; and

WHEREAS each Applicant has expressed a desire to lead evidence on their respective Applications separately; and

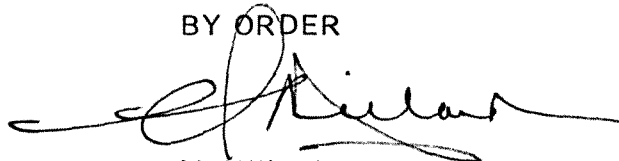
WHEREAS some participants to the hearing have expressed interest in the Commission holding the sessions at locations in the Inland service area, other than Prince George.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders the following:

1. The hearing will proceed in two phases. Phase 1 will address the Application by Northwood while Phase 2 will address the PGPP/Husky Application.
2. Phase 1 of the hearing will commence on Wednesday, September 9, 1987 at 9:30 a.m. local time at the Holiday Inn, 444 George Street, Prince George, B.C. and will continue there for the balance of the week. On Monday, September 14, 1987 at 9:30 a.m. local time the hearing will resume at the Coast Inn of the North, 770 Brunswick Street, Prince George, B.C.
3. Phase 2 of the hearing will commence on Wednesday, October 14, 1987 at 9:30 local time at a location to be later stipulated.
4. The Commission is prepared to sit at Penticton at a time and location to be later stipulated.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this ^{1st} day of September, 1987.

BY ORDER



V. Millard
Commissioner