

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, as amended

and

IN THE MATTER OF a Complaint by Ocelot Chemicals Inc. against Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.

BEFORE:

J.D.V. Newlands,
Deputy Chairman;
N. Martin,
Commissioner; and
W.M. Swanson, Q.C.,
Commissioner
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ORDER

WHEREAS Ocelot Chemicals Inc. ("Ocelot") filed a complaint on January 17, 1990, pursuant to Section 64 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), alleging that the rates of Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") are unjust, unreasonable and unduly discriminatory; and

WHEREAS the Commission, by Order No. G-20-90, set the matter down for public hearing to commence August 21, 1990 in Prince Rupert, B.C. and required PNG to file a Rate Design Application and evidence based on its most recent financial information by July 6, 1990; and

WHEREAS PNG filed its evidence on July 6, 1990 for the Commission to set intervention dates and filing deadlines to the proceeding.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders PNG as follows:

- 1. A public hearing into the complaint is set to commence at 9:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, August 21, 1990 at the Crest Motor Hotel, 222-1st Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.
- 2. PNG will arrange for publication, in Display Ad Format, not later than Wednesday, July 18, 1990, of a Notice of Public Hearing, as per attached copy, in one issue each of the Vancouver Sun, The Province and such other appropriate local news publications as may properly provide adequate notice to the population in the service area of the utility.

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3. The Application and supporting material is to be made available for inspection at the Head Office of PNG at Suite 1400, 1185 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C. and at its District Offices located throughout its service area.

The Application and supporting material will also be available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

- 4. Intervenors and Interested Persons intending to be present and participate in the public hearing or who wish to make requests for additional information of the Applicant should give written Notice of Intervention to the Commission Secretary and to the Applicant, to be received not later than Monday, July 30, 1990. Such notice should state the nature of the interest in the proceeding.
- 5. Intervenors and Interested Persons intending to file written submissions should provide one copy to the Commission Secretary, and one copy to the Applicant, to be received not later than Friday, August 3, 1990.

127 day of July, 1990.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British

Columbia, this

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Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Division

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE COMPLAINT

Ocelot Chemicals Inc. ("Ocelot"), pursuant to Section 64 of the Utilities Commission Act, filed a complaint with respect to the level of rates charged by Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG").

Commission Order No. G-20-90 set the matter down for public hearing and required PNG to file a Rate Design Application and evidence based on its most recent financial information. By Order No. G-52-90, the Commission determined that PNG has filed sufficient evidence in order for the public hearing into the complaint and rate design matters to proceed.

THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission has ordered a public hearing to commence at 9:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, August 21, 1990 at the Crest Motor Hotel, 222 - 1st Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application and supporting material is available for inspection at the Head Office of PNG at Suite 1400, 1185 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C. and at its District Offices located throughout its service area.

The Application and supporting material is also available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

An Executive Summary of the Application has been prepared and is available for inspection in PNG's offices and will be distributed by the Applicant to Interested Persons as they become registered with the Commission. The full Application will be distributed to Intervenors by the Applicant as they become registered with the Commission.

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

Any person intending to be present at the public hearing, wishing to file a written submission or to make a request for additional information of the Applicant should ensure that it is received not later than Monday, July 30, 1990, one copy to the Commission Secretary, and one copy to the Applicant.

SUBMISSIONS BY INTERESTED PARTIES

Any person intending to file information in support of their position should provide written notice, to be received not later than Friday, August 3, 1990, to the Commission Secretary, and to the Applicant. Those persons intending to give evidence or cross- examine witnesses should, in addition, provide a brief written statement of the nature of their interest in the proceeding.

CLARIFICATION

Persons intending to participate in the public hearing, and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Mr. R.J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. S.S. Wong, Manager, Rates and Finance - Petroleum by telephone (Vancouver: 660-4700, B.C. Toll Free: 1-800-663-1385) or in writing.

BY ORDER

Robert J. Pellatt Commission Secretary

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