



BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

NUMBER G-20-90

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 a Complaint by
Ocelot Chemicals Inc. against
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.

BEFORE:	J.G. McIntyre,	)	
	Chairman;	)	
	J.D.V. Newlands,	)	
	Deputy Chairman;	)	March 8, 1990
	N. Martin,	)	
	Commissioner; and	)	
	W.M. Swanson, Q.C.,	)	
	Commissioner	)	

O R D E R

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 requested, and Ocelot filed on February 2, 1990, an Allocated Cost of Service Study based on 1987 financial information; and

WHEREAS PNG's February 15, 1990 response to Commission request, advised of its opposition to the complaint and that the current retail rates charged to customers were reasonable and no adjustments were required; and

WHEREAS the Commission has reviewed the information and responses to the complaint and finds that a public review of PNG's rate structure is required and such review will properly preserve the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. PNG is to file a Rate Design Application and evidence, based on its most recent financial information available, on or before July 6, 1990.
2. 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.

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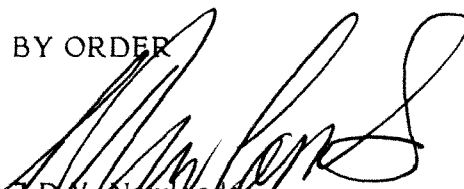
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3. PNG will arrange for immediate publication in Display Ad format, a Notice of Public Hearing, as per attached copy, in one issue in the business section of the Vancouver Sun and The Province. This Notice will be published as soon as possible in such other appropriate local news publications as may provide adequate notice to the customers in the service area of the utility. PNG is to ensure that all industrial customers receive a copy of this Order and Notice of Public Hearing.
4. The Application and supporting material, when filed, 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.
5. An Executive Summary of the Application will be prepared and distributed by PNG, as soon as the Application is filed, to Interested Persons as they become registered with the Commission.
6. Intervention dates and future filing deadline requirements will be made by a future Commission Order and Notice of Public Hearing, following the filing of the Application.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of March, 1990.

BY ORDER


J.D.V. Newlands
Deputy Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE COMPLAINT

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") has been required to file a Rate Design Application by July 6, 1990 by Commission Order No. G-20-90. The Order resulted from a complaint by Ocelot Chemicals Inc. ("Ocelot"), pursuant to Section 64 of the Utilities Commission Act, alleging that the rates charged by PNG are unjust, unreasonable and unduly discriminatory.

THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission has ordered the 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 will be available for inspection after July 6, 1990 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.

An Executive Summary of the Application will be prepared and 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 as they become registered with the Commission.

INTERVENTIONS

Following the July 6, 1990 filing of the Application, intervention dates and future filing deadline requirements will be made by a Commission Order and Notice of Public Hearing.

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 (660-4700, B.C. Toll Free: 1-800-663-1385) or in writing.

BY ORDER

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. J. Pellatt", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Pellatt
Commission Secretary

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