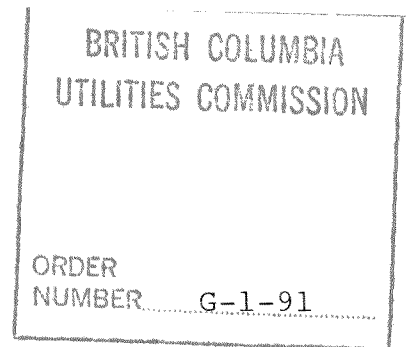




IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission
Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60, as amended

and

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.

BEFORE: J.G. McIntyre,)
Chairman;)
J.D.V. Newlands,)
Deputy Chairman;) January 8, 1991
N. Martin,)
Commissioner;)
W.M. Swanson, Q.C.,)
Commissioner;)

ORDER

WHEREAS:

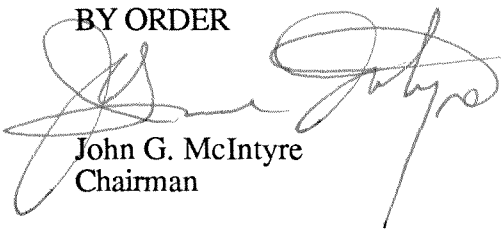
- A. On November 30, 1990, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") filed with the Commission for approval, a Rate Application ("the Application") pursuant to Sections 64 and 104 of the Utilities Commission Act; and
- B. PNG requested the Commission approve an interim increase in rates, effective January 1, 1991, ranging from 1.29 percent to Rate Schedule 2 customers to 9.58 percent to a large industrial customer taking Transportation Service; and
- C. On December 14, 1990 the Commission requested PNG to submit additional information in support of the Application, which was subsequently filed on December 21, 1990; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Application and subsequent information and finds that approval of an interim rate increase is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves an interim increase in rates for PNG of 4.572% to all customers, including those taking transportation service, effective with consumption on and after January 1, 1991, subject to refund with interest calculated at the average prime rate of the principal bank with which PNG conducts its business.
2. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing, Gas Tariff Rate Schedules amended in accordance with the terms of this Order.
3. The matter of a public hearing of the Application will be the subject of a further Order of the Commission.
4. PNG, by way of Customer Notice, is to inform customers of the interim rate increase, effective January 1, 1991, and its effect on monthly gas bills, along with reasons for the increased rates.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia,
this 8th day of January, 1991.

BY ORDER


John G. McIntyre
Chairman

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