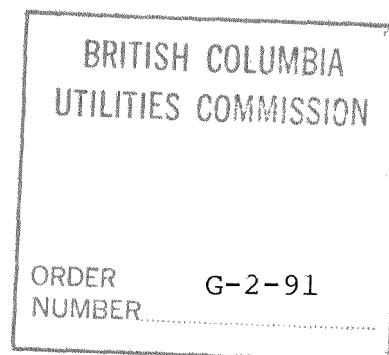




IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission
Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60, as amended

and

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

BEFORE: J.D.V. Newlands,)
Deputy Chairman;)
N. Martin,) January 9, 1991
Commissioner; and)
W.M. Swanson, Q.C.)
Commissioner)

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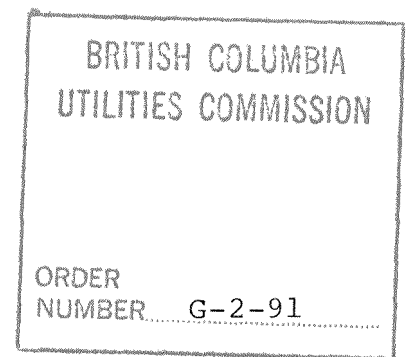
WHEREAS:

- A. On November 30, 1990 Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG"), pursuant to Sections 64 and 104 of the Utilities Commission Act, applied for an Order granting an interim rate increase, effective with consumption on and after January 1, 1991; and
- B. By Order No. G-1-91 dated January 8, 1991, the Commission approved an across the board interim increase in rates of 4.572% for PNG customers, effective January 1, 1991; and
- C. The Commission is of the opinion that a public hearing of the Application is in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission hereby orders as follows:

- 1. A public hearing into the Application will commence at 9:00 a.m. local time, Monday, March 18, 1991 at the Crest Motor Hotel, 222-1st Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.
- 2. Not later than Friday, January 25, 1991, PNG will arrange for publication, of a Notice of Public Hearing, in the form attached, in display-ad format, in one issue of 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.
- 3. The Application and supporting material will be made available for inspection at the Head Office of PNG at Suite 1400, 1185 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6E 4G6, at its District Offices located throughout its service territory, and will also be available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.
- 4. An Executive Summary of the Application will be prepared by PNG and sent to Intervenor and Interested Parties as they become registered with the Commission.
- 5. Not later than Friday, February 1, 1991, PNG will file with the Commission any additional prepared testimony and supplemental material upon which it intends to rely.

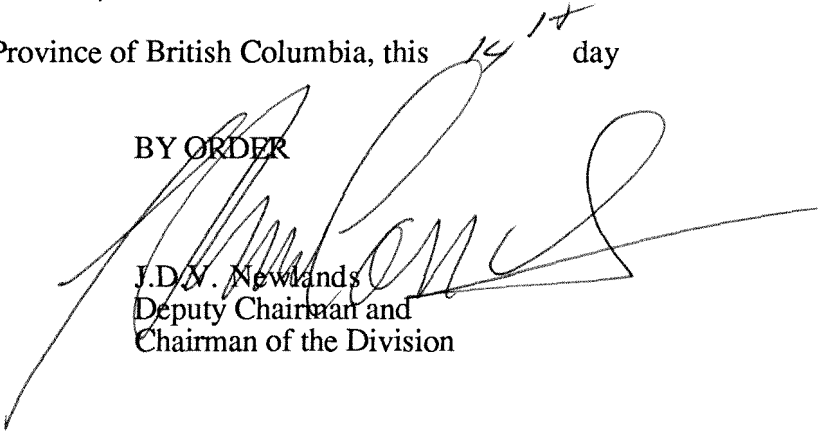
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6. Not later than Friday, February 15, 1991, Intervenor and Interested Parties intending to be present and participate in the public hearing shall give written Notice of Intention to do so to the Commission Secretary and to the Applicant. Such Notice shall state the nature of the interest in the proceeding.
7. Information requests made of PNG should be made before February 22, 1991 in order to allow PNG to respond before March 8, 1991.
8. Intervenor and Interested Persons intending to file a written submission should provide one copy to the Commission Secretary, and one copy to the Applicant, to be received not later than Friday, March 1, 1991.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of January, 1991.

BY ORDER


J.D.N. Newlands
Deputy Chairman and
Chairman of the Division

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BCUC/Orders/PNG Rate Increase



PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS LTD.
Application to Increase Rates

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Date: March 18, 1991
Location: Crest Motor Hotel
222 - 1st Avenue West
Prince Rupert, B.C.

THE APPLICATION

On November 30, 1990, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") applied for an increase in natural gas rates to become effective January 1, 1991. The Commission, by Order No. G-1-91, dated January 8, 1991 authorized an across the board interim increase of 4.572 percent over existing rates, subject to refund with interest, if determined to be appropriate after a public hearing.

THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission has set down the Application for public hearing to commence at 9:00 a.m. local time, Monday, March 18, 1991, at the Crest Motor Hotel, 222 - 1st Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

The Division of the Commission named to review the Application is comprised of the following members:

Mr. J.D.V. Newlands, Deputy Chairman and
Chairman of the Division
Mr. N. Martin, Commissioner
Mr. W.M. Swanson, Q.C., Commissioner

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application, supporting material and Commission Order No. G-2-91 are available for inspection at the Head Office of PNG at Suite 1400, 1185 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6E 4G6, at its District Offices located throughout its service territory, and are 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 will be made available for inspection in PNG Offices and will be distributed by the Applicant to Intervenors and Interested Parties as they become registered with the Commission.

INTERVENTIONS

Any person wishing to be present at the public hearing and to give evidence or cross-examine witnesses should provide written notice, to be received not later than Friday, February 15, 1991 to the Commission Secretary and to the Applicant. The Notice should include a brief statement as to the nature of the interest in the proceedings.

SUBMISSIONS BY INTERESTED PARTIES

Any person intending to request additional information of PNG shall do so not later than February 22, 1991. Written submissions to the hearing should be submitted, one copy to the Commission Secretary and one copy to the Applicant, prior to March 1, 1991 in order for all parties to be provided with information prior to the public hearing.

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CLARIFICATION

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

BY ORDER

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

Robert J. Pellatt
Commission Secretary

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BCUC/Orders/PNG Rate Increase