



BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-37-94

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

and

An Application by BC Gas Utility Ltd.

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and )  
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner ) June 16, 1994  
E.C. Sleath, Commissioner )

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On November 22, 1993, BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") filed with the Commission an application based on a two-year test period to increase, on an interim and permanent basis, captive rates of customers in the Lower Mainland, Inland and Columbia Divisions effective January 1, 1994 and a further increase effective January 1, 1995 ("the Application") pursuant to Sections 64, 67 and 106 of the Utilities Commission Act; and
- B. The Commission, by Order No. G-120-93, approved for BC Gas an interim rate increase of 6.26 percent on gross margin revenue of the captive rate schedules effective with consumption on and after January 1, 1994; and
- C. The Commission, by Order No. G-10-94, set the date of April 25, 1994 for the commencement of a public hearing into the Application and published dates for workshops, conferences and meetings in order to expedite the public review of the Application and attain a complete or partial negotiated settlement of the issues in the Application; and
- D. The Commission, by Order No. G-26-94, rescheduled the commencement of the public hearing into the Application to May 2, 1994 and by Order No. G-29-94 rescheduled the Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") segment to June 6, 1994; and
- E. A Negotiated Settlement process was used prior to the commencement of the public hearing into the Application; and
- F. At the commencement of the hearing into the IRP segment, the Commission separated that hearing into two phases; and
- G. The Commission has determined that separate decisions into the BC Gas Application will be issued as follows:
  - Phase 1 Decision - 1994/95 Revenue Requirements issues dealt with in the May 2, 1994 hearing
  - Phase 2 Decision - Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism and Sales Forecasts
  - Phase 3 Decision - IRP and Demand-Side Management; and
- H. The Commission has considered the Application and the evidence adduced thereto all as set forth in the Phase 1 Decision issued concurrently with this Order.

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**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission, for reasons stated in the Phase 1 Decision, orders BC Gas as follows:

1. The Rate Base and Operating, Maintenance, General and Administrative expenses for BC Gas for the test years 1994 and 1995 are as set out in the Phase 1 Decision.
2. BC Gas will comply with all directions contained in the Phase 1 Decision accompanying this Order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this *16<sup>th</sup>* day of June, 1994.

BY ORDER



Dr. Mark K. Jaccard  
Chairperson