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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-96-95

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

and

An Application by BC Gas Utility Ltd.
for Approval of its 1995 Integrated Resource Plan

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson) November 27, 1995

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 4, 1995 BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") filed with the Commission its 1995 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") that was part of its 1996, 1997 and 1998 Revenue Requirements Application; and
- B. The Commission used the Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") process on the 1996-98 Revenue Requirements Application and indicated that the BC Gas IRP would be dealt with through a separate review process; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed these factors and finds that a written public hearing into BC Gas' 1995 IRP is required.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A public hearing in written form for reviewing the issues related to the BC Gas 1995 IRP is required.

The Commission issues the following regulatory schedule and timetable of deadlines:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Date (1996)</u>
(a) Information Requests made of BC Gas by Intervenors	January 8
(b) BC Gas to respond to information requests	January 22
(c) Written submissions from Intervenors due	February 12
(d) BC Gas' responses to submissions	February 26

2. The Commission requires that Intervenors intending to participate in the written hearing follow the timing deadlines noted above, and advise the Commission, in writing, of their intention to participate. A preliminary list of issues will be prepared by the Commission and issued to those parties participating in the written hearing.
3. All parties intending to apply for Participant Funding must file a budget by December 22, 1995 consistent with the Commission's Policy and Rate Sheet as outlined in Order No. G-117-93. Copies of the Participant Funding Policy and Rate Sheet are available upon request.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of November, 1995.

BY ORDER



Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson