

UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

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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 Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. for Permanent Tolls for Service to Methanex Corporation

BEFORE:

L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson; and

K.L. Hall, Commissioner

April 27, 1995

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. Commission Order No. G-67-94 approved for Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") an interim firm transportation service toll to Methanex Corporation ("Methanex") under Tariff Supplements No. 16, 17 and 25 at the rate of \$0.8700/GJ effective September 1, 1994 to reflect the impact of estimated looping construction costs to serve the Methanex plant expansion project. The Order required PNG to file permanent tolls based on the final costs for the looping project; and
- B. On January 26, 1995 PNG applied to the Commission for approval of a permanent toll to Methanex of \$0.8606/GJ (\$33.1331/10³ m³ using a conversion factor of 38.5 GJ/10³ m³), to reflect the final costs associated with the looping project effective September 1, 1994; and
- C. PNG requested approval to delay using the new contract demand under Tariff Supplements No. 16, 17 and 25 until October 1, 1994 for the determination of interruptible gas sales to Methanex; and
- D. The Commission has considered the Application and is satisfied that approval is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for PNG a permanent firm transportation toll for Methanex under Tariff Supplements No. 16, 17 and 25 at the rate of \$0.8606/GJ (\$33.1331/10³ m³ using a conversion factor of 38.5 GJ/10³ m³), effective September 1, 1994.
- 2. PNG is to refund to Methanex the excess tolls collected from September 1, 1994, under Commission Order No. G-67-94, with interest at the average prime rate of PNG's bank.

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- 3. The Commission approves for PNG the delay in using the new contract demand under Tariff Supplements No. 16, 17 and 25 until October 1, 1994 for the determination of interruptible gas sales to Methanex.
- 4. PNG is to file amended tariff sheets under Tariff Supplement Nos. 16, 17 and 25 to reflect the permanent firm transportation service toll approved by this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this

// day of May, 1995.

BY ORDER

Kenneth L. Hall Commissioner

L. Hall