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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-71-95

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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./Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.
for Approval of Cost of Service Allocation/Rate Design and Integrated Resource Planning

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson; and)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) September 1, 1995

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 2, 1994 Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. ["PNG(N.E.)"] applied jointly to the Commission, pursuant to Sections 64 and 106 of the Utilities Commission Act, for approval to amend their Gas Tariff Rate Schedules on an interim and permanent basis effective January 1, 1995; and
- B. The Commission reviewed the application, approved an interim increase for PNG, PNG(N.E.) at Dawson Creek and an interim decrease for PNG(N.E.) at Tumbler Ridge, issued Order No. G-97-94 and Notice of Public Hearing. Following a pre-hearing conference and the use of an Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") process the Commission, by Order No. G-32-95, approved PNG's and PNG(N.E.)'s 1995 Revenue Requirements and indicated that its review of PNG's Rate Design and Integrated Resource Plan would proceed as previously directed by Order No. G-16-95; and
- C. On July 6, 1995 PNG filed its initial Cost of Service Allocation/Rate Design Study ("the Application") including its response to Methanex's Information Request No. 2 and indicated that final cost of service studies and evidence in support of the Application would be filed by August 1, 1995; and
- D. PNG, in a letter dated July 19, 1995, indicated that its draft study would be the final filing; and
- E. The Commission, by Order No. G-59-95, set down the Application for public hearing to commence September 25, 1995 and a public workshop to commence August 24, 1995 to have PNG explain the Application and answer questions from intervenors and interested parties; and
- F. Following the public workshop, intervenors and interested parties accepted the ADR procedures and agreed to delay the commencement of the public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders the following with respect to the PNG and PNG(N.E.) Application:

1. The public hearing, originally scheduled to commence September 25, 1995, will now commence at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 1995 in the Commission's Hearing Room, 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3.

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2. The unresolved issues into the Application will be discussed on Negotiation Days commencing at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, October 2, 1995 and Tuesday, October 3, 1995 in the Commission's Hearing Room.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of September, 1995.

BY ORDER



Kenneth L. Hall
Commissioner