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UTILITIES COMMISSION  
ORDER  
NUMBER G-50-95

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

and

A Generic Hearing into Extension Policies of Regulated Utilities

**BEFORE:** M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson ) June 9, 1995

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Commission, in recent Orders, advised regulated utilities that a generic public hearing into gas main and electrical extension policies would be held, the timing and format of which would be set by way of a future Commission Order; and
- B. The following Commission Orders required that the named utilities become active participants in the generic hearing. The utilities were advised that any proposed extension policies and applications would not be approved until such time as a public review took place:

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| Order No. G-23-95 | British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority |
| Order No. G-24-95 | West Kootenay Power Ltd.                   |
| Order No. G-25-95 | BC Gas Utility Ltd.                        |
| Order No. G-26-95 | Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.           |
| Order No. G-28-95 | Princeton Light and Power Company, Limited |

- C. The Commission has reviewed the matter and determined that a Notice of Public Hearing and Timetable for the public review of extension policies should be published and issued.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The utilities identified in Section B of this Order, as well as Pacific Northern Gas Ltd., are required to be active participants in the generic hearing into gas main and electrical extension policies set down for public hearing on Monday, October 30, 1995, commencing at 8:30 a.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room. Other Commission regulated utilities and parties interested in the subject review are given the option to become involved in the public hearing, if they so desire.
- 2. Utilities involved in the hearing are required to submit, or re-submit, updated applications for review by the Commission and registered participants, no later than Monday, September 11, 1995.
- 3. The Commission will hold a Workshop on utility proposals on Tuesday, September 19 and Wednesday, September 20, 1995 commencing at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room. The Workshop will include a brief presentation by each utility on its extension policy proposals and will also address procedural matters which will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- scheduling
  - completeness of applications
  - identification of principal issues
  - location(s) of the hearings
  - other matters that will enable the hearing to efficiently cover and review all aspects of extensions of service
4. Registered Intervenors and Interested Parties to the hearing are to submit information requests, to the respective utility, no later than Friday, September 29, 1995.
5. Utilities are required to respond to all information requests no later than Monday, October 16, 1995.
6. The utilities who are active in the proceedings are required to advise customers of the utility's proposed policies filed with the Commission, as soon as possible, and the process the Commission will follow in the review, as well as providing customers with a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing attached to this Order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th day of June, 1995.

BY ORDER



Dr. Mark K. Jaccard  
Chairperson



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## NOTICE OF GENERIC PUBLIC HEARING INTO EXTENSION POLICIES

### MAIN EXTENSIONS FOR GAS UTILITIES

BC Gas Utility Ltd.  
Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.  
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.

### SYSTEM EXTENSIONS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES

BC Hydro and Power Authority  
West Kootenay Power Ltd.  
Princeton Light & Power Company, Limited

### THE REVIEW

The Commission, by Orders No. G-23-95, G-24-95, G-25-95, G-26-95, G-28-95 and G-50-95, advised the above-noted utilities that it would be reviewing the current gas main extension and electrical extension policies in a public forum to determine if a standard provincial policy was appropriate and required. Utility applications currently before the Commission were not approved and a timetable for the review was proposed. The Commission required the utilities to become active participants in the hearing.

### THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

#### Utility Submissions

The above-noted utilities are required to submit, or re-submit, updated applications covering extension policies in their service areas. The deadline for submissions is Monday, September 11, 1995.

#### Hearings

##### I) Workshop - Pre-Hearing Conference

Date: Tuesday, September 19 and  
Wednesday, September 20, 1995  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Location: BCUC Hearing Room  
6th Floor - 900 Howe Street  
Vancouver, B.C.  
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##### II) Public Hearing

Monday, October 30, 1995  
8:30 a.m.  
BCUC Hearing Room  
6th Floor - 900 Howe Street  
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The Pre-Hearing Conference will include a brief presentation by each utility on its extension policy proposals and will address procedural matters which will include scheduling and location(s) of the hearings, completeness of utility applications, identification of principal issues and other matters that will enable the hearing to efficiently cover and review all aspects of the extensions of service.

### Public Inspection of the Documents

Each utility's application, and supporting filings of that utility, are available for inspection at each local district office.

All documents submitted for review at the generic public hearing will be available for inspection at each utility's head office and at the office of the Commission at 6th Floor - 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

### Interventions/Submissions/Information Requests

Those persons interested in taking part in the proceedings should register with the Commission as soon as possible and are urged to attend the Pre-Hearing Conference Workshop. The Commission will prepare, maintain and issue a list of participants to all parties. Those parties involved in the process are to issue their information requests to other participants by Friday, September 29, 1995. Utilities are to respond to such requests by Monday, October 16, 1995.

### **PARTICIPANT FUNDING**

All participants intending to apply for Participant Funding must file a budget by Wednesday, September 27, 1995 consistent with the Commission's Policy and Rate Sheet as outlined in Order No. G-117-93. A copy of the Policy and Rate Sheet will be provided to all participants upon registration and will also be available at the Workshop.

### **CLARIFICATION**

Persons intending to participate in the Pre-hearing Conference Workshop, or in the public hearing process, who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Mr. R.J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary or Mr. Jim Fraser, Senior Economist - Strategic Services; by telephone at 660-4700; B.C. Toll Free: 1-800-663-1385; in writing to the above address, or by fax at 660-1102. The Commission can also be reached on the Government Electronic Mail System ("GEMS") at [RPELLAT@BCSC](mailto:RPELLAT@BCSC) or, on the Internet at [RPELLAT@GALAXY.GOV.BC.CA](mailto:RPELLAT@GALAXY.GOV.BC.CA).

BY ORDER

Robert J. Pellatt  
Commission Secretary