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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-102-96

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

and

An Application by Squamish Gas Co. Ltd.
Review of Utility Operations for Fiscal Periods August 6, 1991 to December 31, 1995

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson) October 10, 1996

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-56-96, directed Squamish Gas Co. Ltd. ("Squamish Gas") to file an application by August 31, 1996 covering utility operations for the fiscal periods August 6, 1991 to December 31, 1995 as required by the Ministry of Employment and Investment in its letter dated May 31, 1996; and
- B. On August 30, 1996 Squamish Gas filed its Application and, by Order No. G-88-96 the Commission ordered that a pre-hearing conference be held on October 9, 1996; and
- C. As a result of information provided by the participants at the pre-hearing conference, the Commission finds that a Pre-Hearing Workshop in Squamish would provide customers with information about the Application and clarification of the issues.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A Pre-Hearing Workshop into the Squamish Gas Application will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 24, 1996 at the Sea to Sky Hotel, 40330 Tantalus Way, Garibaldi Highlands, Squamish, B.C., as indicated in the Notice attached as Appendix A to this Order.
2. Squamish Gas is directed to attend the Pre-Hearing Workshop with informed company representatives to answer questions from customers in attendance.
3. Squamish Gas will arrange for publication of the attached Notice of Pre-Hearing Workshop in two consecutive issues of the local newspaper the Squamish Chief in advance of the October 24, 1996 Workshop. The newspaper advertisements are to be supplemented by the use of spot radio ads and community service announcements so as to provide adequate public notice to customers in the Squamish service area.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of October, 1996.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson

Attachment

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**SQUAMISH GAS CO. LTD.
NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING WORKSHOP**

Date: Thursday, October 24, 1996
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Sea to Sky Hotel
40330 Tantalus Way, Garibaldi Highlands
Squamish, B.C.

INVITATION:

The Public is invited to a B.C. Utilities Commission sponsored workshop at the time, location and date specified above regarding Natural gas Distribution Service by Squamish Gas.

PURPOSE:

Natural gas has been distributed to the Squamish area since 1991. The price of natural gas service to Squamish Gas customers has been set as a discount to heating fuel prices. The Province of British Columbia, through a Rate Stabilization Fund, has covered any revenue deficiencies of Squamish Gas in providing natural gas service, as well, any revenue surpluses experienced by Squamish Gas are remitted back to the Province of British Columbia. A condition of the Rate Stabilization Fund is a periodic review by the Commission at the costs of Squamish Gas.

Specifically, the Commission is conducting a review for the period August, 1991 through December, 1995. The workshop is intended to provide information regarding Squamish Gas costs during the subject period, the setting of natural gas prices in Squamish, other issues regarding natural gas service in Squamish, and any issues related to the provision of bottled propane service by Squamish Gas.

INFORMATION:

Documents related to this matter are available for review at: the Squamish Gas office at 38152 - 2nd Avenue, the Squamish Public Library at 37955 - 2nd Avenue, or the B.C. Utilities Commission office at 6th Floor - 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Any further information can be obtained by contacting Squamish Gas, Mr. Peter Martin, Squamish Gas Area Manager, at (604) 892-5455, Mr. J.O. Wessler at (604) 443-6626 or the B.C. Utilities Commission, Mr. Robert J. Pellatt by telephone at (604) 660-4700 or B.C. Toll-Free 1-800-663-1385.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert J. Pellatt
Commission Secretary