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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

An Application by Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
for Approval of Pricing Amendments to CanWest Baseload Contract
for the 1997/98 and 1998/99 Gas Contract Years

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
and Acting Chair) July 23, 1997
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 2, 1997 the Commission, by Letter No. L-19-97, approved for Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") its Gas Contracting Plan for the 1997/98 gas contract year; and
- B. On July 8, 1997 PNG applied to the Commission for approval of a June 12, 1997 Letter Agreement that amended the November 1, 1991 Baseload Gas Supply Contract with CanWest Gas Supply Inc. ("CanWest") and established gas pricing based on the Inside FERC Sumas Index for the 1997/98 and 1998/99 gas contract years; and
- C. The CanWest amendment provides for an additional supply point located at Fort St. John, B.C.; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the PNG filing and is satisfied that approval of the gas supply contract amendment is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Section 71 of the Utilities Commission Act and the Rules, the Commission approves for PNG the June 12, 1997 Letter Agreement with CanWest which amends the baseload supply contract dated November 1, 1991, subject to CanWest obtaining producer approval for the amendment.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29th day of July, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr

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