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

and

An Application for Participant Assistance Cost Award by an Intervenor Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. Shared Services Costs with Westcoast Energy Inc.

BEFORE: K.L. Hall, Commissioner) August 27, 1997 P.G. Bradley, Commissioner)

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-21-97, approved for Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") the Negotiated Settlement into its 1997 Revenue Requirements Application. The Negotiated Settlement allowed for the issue of shared services between PNG and Westcoast Energy Inc. ("WEI") to be dealt with through a workshop and/or a written/oral public hearing process; and
- B. Through a written hearing process, which included submissions from Registered Intervenors, the Commission issued its Decision on the PNG/WEI Shared Services Costs on August 7, 1997; and
- C. On August 13, 1997 the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre ("BCPIAC") submitted its application for participant assistance regarding the PNG/WEI shared services costs proceeding; and
- D. The Commission discussed the application for participant assistance having regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order No. G-103-96; and
- E. The Commission has determined that BCPIAC's participation in this matter requires reimbursement in accordance with approved guidelines.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission orders PNG to reimburse BCPIAC in the total amount of \$6,399.28 relating to the PNG/WEI Shared Services Costs proceeding.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of September, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Kenneth L. Hall Commissioner