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

and

An Application by BC Gas Utility Ltd.
for Approval of a Deferral Account for its Revised Coastal Facilities Project

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
and Acting Chair) June 11, 1997
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 25, 1995, the Commission issued Order C-6-95 which granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") to construct its Coastal Facilities Project in accordance with an application dated March 21, 1995; and
- B. On June 3, 1997 BC Gas filed for Commission approval an application for a deferral account to record expenditures required to develop cost estimates for a revised Coastal Facilities Project ("the Application"); and
- C. The Application states that the total expenditures required to provide an appropriate budget estimate for the revised Project are estimated to be approximately \$380,000 and will allow BC Gas to hire consultants to conduct the following work:
- develop a facility plan for each facility
 - develop a base building specification for each facility;
 - conduct a land search, and
 - carry out a site evaluation; and
- D. Following the expected completion of this planning work in the Fall of 1997, BC Gas intends to apply for a CPCN to construct the revised Coastal Facilities Project; and

E. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that approval is appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The deferral account to record expenditures required to develop cost estimates for a revised Coastal Facilities Project is approved in accordance with the Application. Total expenditures recorded in the deferral account are not to exceed the estimated \$380,000.
2. The CPCN granted to BC Gas by Order No. C-6-95 is hereby rescinded.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of June, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair and
Acting Chair