



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 Natural Gas Storage Agreements with
Unocal Canada Ltd., Cabot Oil and Gas Marketing Corp. and Avista Corporation

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner)
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner) June 17, 1999
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 3, 1999 BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") applied to the Commission for approval to extend the Natural Gas Storage Agreement with Unocal Canada Ltd. ("Unocal") at its Aitken Creek storage facility and to extend the Jackson Prairie Storage Facility Agreements with Cabot Oil and Gas Marketing Corp. ("Cabot") and Avista Corporation ("Avista"); and
- B. The Unocal Storage Agreement GS-4142 approved by E-19-98, allows BC Gas to extend the Agreement for two 2-year options covering the term April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2002 for a contract quantity of 47,383 GJ/day; and
- C. The Jackson Prairie Storage Agreement with Cabot under Storage Agreement GS-4130 approved by Order No. E-10-98, has been evergreened for one year from June 1, 1999 to May 31, 2000 for a contract quantity of 7,400 GJ/day; and
- D. The Jackson Prairie Storage Agreement with Avista covering the term May 1, 1999 to April 30, 2002 under Storage Agreement GS-4137 has been evergreened to April 30, 2002 for a contract quantity of 66,470 GJ/day; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that approval of the Natural Gas Storage Agreements is in accordance with the Utilities Commission Act.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Section 71 of the Act and the Rules the Commission accepts for filing Natural Gas Storage Agreements for BC Gas as follows:

1. An extension of the Natural Gas Storage Agreement GS-4142 with Unocal at Aitken Creek for the period April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2002 for 47,383 GJ/day.
2. Natural Gas Storage Agreement GS-4130 evergreened contract extension with Cabot at the Jackson Prairie Storage Facility from June 1, 1999 to May 31, 2000 for 7,400 GJ/day.
3. Natural Gas Storage Agreement S-4137 evergreened contract extension with Avista at the Jackson Prairie Storage Facility from May 1, 1999 to April 30, 2002 for 66,470 GJ/day.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of July 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair