

**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 BC Gas Utility Ltd.
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for its Work Management System/Preventative Maintenance Project**

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner) April 20, 2000
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner)

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS:

- A. Commission Order No. G-85-97 dated July 23, 1997 approved the terms of a Negotiated Settlement for the BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") 1998-2002 Revenue Requirements application. The settlement terms provided that certain capital projects would require Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") applications; and
- B. On April 7, 2000, pursuant to Section 45 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), BC Gas applied to the Commission for a CPCN for its Work Management System/Preventative Maintenance ("WMS/PM") Project. The WMS/PM Project will integrate with BC Gas' SAP Information Technology environment, managing new mains and services construction and allowing BC Gas to introduce a predictive maintenance strategy; and
- C. The WMS/PM Project is expected to cost approximately \$11.6 million, and to be fully implemented in 2001; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the costs, timing and justification for the WMS/PM Project contained in the BC Gas application and has determined that its approval is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 45 of the Act, a CPCN is issued to BC Gas for its WMS/PM Project as described in its April 7, 2000 application. The Commission expects that the WMS/PM Project will be completed within the forecast cost of approximately \$11.6 million.
2. Within three months of completion, BC Gas is to provide the Commission with a final project report, which addresses actual project costs, reductions in staffing levels, operating and maintenance costs, and capital addition costs that have been achieved as a result of the WMS/PM Project. The Commission will review the final project report with respect to capital costs, overhead allocation and any cost over-runs in order to determine eligibility for rate base treatment.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26th day of April 2000.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair