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

and

An Application by Port Alice Gas Inc.  
for Approval to Recover the Actual Cost of Propane

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner )  
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner ) September 14, 2000  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner )  
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On February 17, 2000 the Commission, by Order No. G-18-00, approved for Port Alice Gas Inc. ("PAGI") interim rates to recover a cost of service revenue deficiency effective with consumption commencing January 23, 2000, and the unbundling of the cost of propane in customer rates; and
- B. On July 6, 2000 the Commission, by Order No. G-67-00, approved for PAGI a 2000 Test Year Revenue Deficiency and ordered a refund of the difference between the interim rates and permanent rates, including interest from the interim date to the date of refund; and
- C. On August 25, 2000, PAGI applied to the Commission for approval to recover the difference between the actual cost of propane and the cost included in customer rates for the months of February and March 2000 amounting to \$6,761.70. PAGI requested the amount be charged to the propane cost deferral account for future recovery in rates. It also requested that the interim refund, calculated in accordance with Order No. G-67-00 amounting to \$2,619.03, be credited to the propane cost deferral account; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the PAGI application and finds that the accounting treatment for the propane cost recovery and the refund of the interim rates should be approved.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for PAGI its application to recover the difference between the actual cost of propane and the cost included in customer rates for the months of February and March 2000 by way of a propane cost deferral account charge amounting to \$6,761.70.
- 2. The Commission approves for PAGI a variance to Order No. G-67-00 so that the refund of the excess of interim rates over the approved rates from January 23, 2000 to the date of refund, amounting to \$2,619.03, be credited to the propane cost deferral account.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2000.

BY ORDER

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair