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

and

BC Gas Utility Ltd.
Access to Capacity on the Southern Crossing Pipeline
Rate Schedules 22A, 23 and 25

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 April 3, 2000, BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") applied to the Commission for approval of the allocation of costs arising from the Southern Crossing Pipeline ("SCP") project ("the Application"). BC Gas sought the requisite authorization and orders from the Commission to implement rates as proposed in the Application, effective January 1, 2001; and
- B. On May 19, 2000 and by Order No. G-53-00, the Commission established a two-part process for dealing with the Application. The Part 1 proceeding was to deal with third-party access to SCP capacity and the related issue of what proportion of SCP costs would be placed into the delivery margin versus commodity cost; and
- C. The Part 1 proceeding consisted of a Negotiated Settlement Process ("NSP") and commenced on June 27, 2000; and
- D. The Part 1 NSP participants reached a Settlement Agreement Proposal; and
- E. The Commission considered the Settlement Agreement Proposal, the Application, letters of endorsement from participants and other submissions related to the Application. The Commission found that the Settlement Agreement Proposal met the objectives of the Part 1 process and was in the public interest, subject to minor wording changes; and
- F. The Commission approved the Settlement Agreement by way of Order No. G-74-00; and
- G. On August 22, 2000, BC Gas submitted Rate Schedules 22A, 23 and 25 revised to include provisions related to access to receipt capacity at the East Kootenay Exchange ("EKE") and peaking gas as indicated in the Settlement Agreement. BC Gas also submitted a revised Shipper Agent Agreement corresponding to Rate Schedule 25; and
- H. Certain pages of Rate Schedule 22A, Rate Schedule 23, Rate Schedule 25 and the Shipper Agent Agreement corresponding to Rate Schedule 25 were revised and re-filed with the Commission on September 1, September 12, and September 13, 2000. These changes were implemented subsequent to consultation with stakeholders and Commission staff.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission directs as follows:

1. Rate Schedule 22A is approved.
2. Rate Schedule 23 is approved subject to renumbering “19.8 Shipper’s Gas” to “21.8 Shipper’s Gas” and “19.9 Alteration of Facilities” to “21.9 Alteration of Facilities” in the Table of Contents.
3. Rate Schedule 25 is approved subject to renumbering “7.3 Request to Transporter” to read “7.4 Request to Transporter” and “7.4 Delivery to Interconnection Point” to read “7.5 Delivery to Interconnection Point” on Page R-25.9.
4. The Shipper Agent Agreement corresponding to Rate Schedule 25 is approved subject to changing references to Rate Schedule 22 to refer to Rate Schedule 25 as necessary.
5. BC Gas is directed to re-file Rate Schedule 22A, Rate Schedule 23, Rate Schedule 25 and the Shipper Agent Agreement corresponding to Rate Schedule 25 with the above changes implemented and the underlining and other special formatting removed as soon as possible.
6. BC Gas is directed to file shipper agent agreements for customers under Rate Schedules 22A and 23.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of September 2000.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair

