



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 Schedule 40

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) September 21, 2000
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; and

- I. By way of Order No. G-86-00, the Commission approved the revisions to Rate Schedule 22A, Rate Schedule 23, Rate Schedule 25 and the Shipper Agent Agreement corresponding to Rate Schedule 25, subject to various minor edits; and
- J. On September 18, 2000, BC Gas submitted Rate Schedule 40 to the Commission. Rate Schedule 40 provides for transportation service from Savona to EKE on the BC Gas system for customers taking service under Rate Schedules 22A, 23 or 25, as indicated in the Settlement Agreement; and
- K. BC Gas consulted with stakeholders and Commission staff in developing Rate Schedule 40.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission directs as follows:

- 1. Rate Schedule 40 is approved subject to the following changes:
 - (a) In 1.1 (k), change “Shipper” to “shipper” or “Customer”.
 - (b) Reinstate the (t) reference in front of the definition of Shipper in 1.1 and increment all subsequent letters.
 - (c) Remove the references to 1.2 in the Table of Contents and definition 1.1 (c) or reinstate the 1.2 number for the Change in Definition of “Day”.
 - (d) In 1.1 (s), change “the Savona” to “Savona”.
- 2. BC Gas is directed to re-file Rate Schedule 40 with the above changes implemented and the underlining and other special formatting removed as soon as possible.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of September 2000.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair