



BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-40-00

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

and

An Application by Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
for Approval to Pass-Through Increased Propane Costs

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) April 13, 2000

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 17, 2000, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") applied to the Commission for approval to increase propane rates to Granisle Grid System customers, pursuant to Section 61(4) of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- B. PNG advised the Commission that the price it pays for bulk liquid propane has increased and is required to be recovered from grid system customers; and
- C. The proposed propane increase is a result of higher commodity charges and will result in a bill impact of 20 percent in addition to the final rate increase approved by Commission Order No. G-37-00 for the PNG 2000 Revenue Requirements; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that it should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for PNG its March 17, 2000 application, effective April 13, 2000, pursuant to Section 61(4) of the Act. The propane gas supply charge is to increase from \$7.384 to \$9.384 per GJ. A portion of the propane charge increase (\$1.487/GJ) will be applied to offset higher propane costs and the remainder (\$.513/GJ) is to pay down the propane cost deferral account balance.
- 2. PNG is to inform all customers affected by this Order with a bill stuffer explaining the reason for the increase and the impact on customer rates and bills.
- 3. The Commission will approve, subject to timely filing by PNG, an amended gas tariff rate schedule in accordance with this Order.

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