



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 of 2000 Revenue Requirements

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

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 9, 2000, Port Alice Gas Inc. ("Port Alice Gas") filed a 2000 Revenue Requirements Application ("the Application"), pursuant to Sections 58 and 89 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), for approval to increase rates on an interim and final basis effective January 23, 2000; and
- B. The Application proposed to increase rates to all customers to recover a cost of service revenue deficiency that excludes the cost of gas for the 1999/2000 fiscal year ending October 31, 2000; and
- C. The Application also requested approval, effective January 23, 2000, of an unbundling of Port Alice Gas' propane rate to show the cost of propane per gigajoule as a separate item from the delivery cost of service per gigajoule; and
- D. The Commission reviewed the Application and Issued Order No. G-18-00 approving an interim rate increase, effective January 23, 2000, subject to refund with interest to recover the projected cost of service revenue deficiency of \$31,882 identified in the Application and approving the proposed unbundling of the propane rate as requested in the Application; and
- E. Port Alice Gas provided customers with a notice describing the Application and held a town hall information meeting on February 16, 2000; and
- F. The Commission finds that a Regulatory Agenda for a written public hearing is required to be established.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Port Alice Gas shall provide a copy of this Order, by facsimile if possible, to all previous Intervenors and Interested Parties no later than Thursday, April 20, 2000. Port Alice Gas shall also post a copy of this Order in various Village centres and give notice through other community resources, in order to adequately notify its customers.
2. Intervenors and Interested Parties should inform the Commission, in writing, by Friday, April 28, 2000, of their intention to actively intervene in the proceeding, or become Interested Parties. Registered Intervenors will receive from Port Alice Gas copies of the Application, all correspondence and filed documentation. Interested Parties will receive copies of all Orders issued.
3. Copies of information requests from Intervenors about issues concerning the Application, should be filed with the Commission and Port Alice Gas by Wednesday, May 10, 2000.
4. Port Alice Gas shall respond to all information requests no later than Wednesday, May 24, 2000.
5. Intervenors may submit written submissions on the Application to the Commission and to Port Alice Gas by Friday, June 2, 2000.
6. Port Alice Gas shall reply to the written submissions of Intervenors by Friday, June 9, 2000.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of April 2000.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair

Attachment

Port Alice Gas Inc.
2000 Revenue Requirements Application
REGULATORY AGENDA

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>DATES (2000)</u>	
Port Alice Gas sends copy of Order to Village Centres	Wednesday	April 19
Intervenor Registration	Friday	April 28
Filing of Intervenor and Staff Information Requests	Wednesday	May 10
Port Alice Gas Responses to Information Requests	Wednesday	May 24
Intervenor Written Submissions to BCUC and Port Alice Gas	Friday	June 2
Reply to Written Submissions by Port Alice Gas	Friday	June 9