



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

and

An Application by Williams Energy (Canada) Inc.
for an Exemption from Part 3 of the Utilities Commission Act
Covering the Transportation and Processing of Natural Gas

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner)
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner) January 25, 2001
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 7, 1998, Novagas Clearinghouse Ltd. ("NCL") applied to the Commission for an exemption, pursuant to Section 88(3) of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), for its West Stoddart facilities which include a sour gas processing plant, gas gathering pipelines, and a sales gas pipeline and natural gas liquids pipeline that will extend from the West Stoddart Plant to Taylor, B.C.; and
- B. The Commission considered the NCL request and issued Order No. G-77-98 under Section 88(3) of the Act, exempting the West Stoddart facilities from the requirements under Part 3, other than Sections 24 and 25, properly conserving the public interest; and
- C. On September 26, 2000, Williams Energy (Canada) Inc. ("Williams Canada") applied under Section 88(3) of the Act for an Exemption from Part 3 of the Act for the West Stoddart Plant and gathering systems (the "Facilities") which Williams Canada will use to transport or process natural gas; and
- D. The Commission has considered the application and is satisfied that an Order, under Section 88(3) of the Act, exempting the West Stoddart Plant and gathering facilities in British Columbia, which Williams Canada will use to operate or process natural gas, from the requirements under Part 3, other than Sections 24 and 25, properly conserves the public interest; and
- E. On January 12, 2001, the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council was given to the said exemption by Order in Council No. 16, 2001 which is attached as Appendix II; and
- F. Order in Council No. 16, 2001 provides that the approval to exempt a facility applies to a transportation or processing facility not listed in Appendix 1 to the draft order attached to the Order in Council after Williams Canada advises the Commission, in writing, that it will begin to use the facility to transport or process natural gas for others; and

G. Section 99 of the Act provides that the Commission may reconsider, vary or rescind an Order made by it.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 88(3) of the Act, the Commission approves for Williams Canada an exemption from Part 3, other than Sections 24 and 25, of the West Stoddart facilities which Williams Canada uses to transport or process natural gas for others, effective the date of this Order, and issues the attached Appendix I.
2. Facilities listed in Appendix I will continue to be regulated under the Act on a complaint basis, with a complaint taking a form similar to that of an application by an interested party under the Common Carrier and Common Processor sections of Part 4 of the Act, with respect to a facility that has been declared a common carrier or common processor facility.
3. Williams Canada is directed to advise the Commission, in writing, of any facility that is not listed in Appendix I and which Williams Canada intends to use to transport and process natural gas for others, so that the Commission, on finding that the exemption of such facility is in the public interest can, by Order, issue a revised Appendix I.
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5. Williams Canada is directed to file an annual report for each exempted facility in the form set out in Appendix III, or as the Commission may otherwise require, and to distribute copies to the shippers using the facilities.
6. Williams Canada is directed to pay fees to the Commission in the amounts that the Commission determines are required to defray costs associated with the regulation of the Williams Canada facilities.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 31st day of January 2001.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair

Attachments

WILLIAMS ENERGY (CANADA) INC.

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West Stoddart area - all pipelines, plant and related facilities.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No.

16 , Approved and Ordered JAN 12 2001



Lieutenant Governor

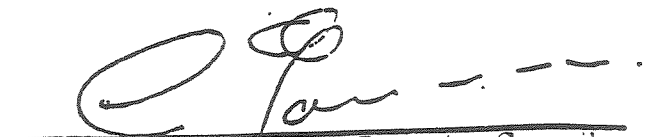
Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

approval is given to the British Columbia Utilities Commission to exempt Williams Energy (Canada) Inc. from provisions of the Utilities Commission Act for the purpose and subject to the terms set out in the attached draft order of the British Columbia Utilities Commission.



Minister of Employment and Investment



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Utilities Commission Act, section 68 (3)

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