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UTILITIES COMMISSION

Order

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IN THE MATTER OF the Pipeline Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 364

and

An Amendment to Commission Order No. P-10-00

BEFORE:
P. Ostergaard, Chair
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner
K.L. Hall, Commissioner

January 25, 2001

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. Commission Order No. P-10-00 established a Regulatory Timetable for the oral public hearing into the Plateau Pipe Line Ltd. ("Plateau") Application for permanent tolls on the Taylor to Prince George and Prince George to Kamloops pipeline; and
- B. On December 29, 2000, Plateau filed an Application for permanent tolls effective September 7, 2000 and January 1, 2001 in accordance with Order No. P-10-00. The Application also addressed the incentive tolls from January 1, 2000 to September 6, 2000, the sharing adjustments as approved by Order No. P-3-00, and suspension of service ("the Application"); and
- C. On January 16, 2001, Plateau requested that the February 13, 2001 oral public hearing be postponed to the week of March 12 or April 2, 2001, and that intervening periods for filing information be lengthened and that time be provided for information requests and responses regarding intervenor evidence; and
- D. By letter dated January 18, 2001, the Commission requested comments from the Registered Intervenors by January 24, 2001 on Plateau's request to postpone the public hearing to the week of April 2, 2001 and revisions to other Regulatory Timetable dates. The week of March 12, 2001 is not available, due to other Commission commitments; and
- E. On January 22 and 24, 2001, the Commission received a number of letters of comment from the Registered Intervenors which generally did not object to postponing the public hearing to April 2, 2001; and

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F. On January 24, 2001, Husky Oil Operations Limited ("Husky") provided a letter of comment that requested the removal of the interim status of tolls approved by Order No. P-6-00 effective September 7, 2000 for deliveries from Taylor to Prince George. On the basis that Order No. P-6-00 is revised as requested, Husky neither opposed nor supported the adjournment sought by Plateau; and

G. The Commission has reviewed Plateau's January 16, 2001 submission and the Registered Intervenors' letters of comment, and finds that an amendment to the Regulatory Timetable is reasonable and should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The commencement of the oral public hearing into the Application for permanent tolls on the Taylor to Kamloops pipeline and suspension of service is postponed to April 2, 2001 to provide additional time for the responses to Intervenor information requests; the filing of evidence by Plateau and Registered Intervenors; and the issuance of information requests and responses on the Plateau and Registered Intervenor evidence. An amended Appendix A Regulatory Timetable is attached.

2. Husky's request to remove the interim status of tolls approved by Order No. P-6-00 is an issue that should be fully addressed by all participants at the oral public hearing beginning April 2, 2001.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of January 2001.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard Chair

Attachment

PLATEAU PIPE LINE LTD.

REGULATORY AGENDA (REVISED)

Action Date

BCUC Staff Information responses

January 26, 2001

Plateau to respond to information requests with a copy to the Commission and Registered Intervenors.

Intervenor Information responses

February 2, 2001

Plateau to respond to information requests with a copy to the Commission and Registered Intervenors.

Intervenor Evidence filed

February 16, 2001

Intervenors to file written evidence with the Commission with copies to Plateau and Registered Intervenors.

Plateau Testimony filed

February 16, 2001

Plateau to file witness testimony with the Commission with a copy to the Registered Intervenors.

Information Requests to Intervenors

March 2, 2001

Information requests to be issued to Registered Intervenors on the intervenor evidence with a copy the Commission, Plateau and Registered Intervenors.

Information Requests on Plateau's Testimony

March 2, 2001

Information requests to be issued by Intervenors and Commission staff to Plateau with a copy to the Registered Intervenors and the Commission.

Information responses

March 16, 2001

Plateau and Registered Intervenors respond to information requests with a copy to the Commission and Registered Intervenors.

Public Hearing commences at 9:00 a.m. in BCUC offices in Vancouver April 2, 2001