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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-67-12**

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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 (N.E.) Ltd.
(Fort St. John/Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge Divisions)
for Approval of its 2012 Revenue Requirements
for the PNG (N.E.) Service Area

BEFORE: C.A. Brown, Commissioner

May 28, 2012

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 30, 2011, the Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. [PNG (N.E.)] Fort St. John/Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge Divisions filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission), its 2012 Revenue Requirements Application (Application) to among other things, amend its delivery rates pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (Act);
- B. The Applicant, PNG (N.E.), also seeks refundable interim relief pursuant to sections 58 to 61, 89 and 90 of the Act to allow PNG (N.E.) to amend its rates on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2012, pending the hearing of the Application and orders subsequent to that hearing, on the basis that on January 1, 2012, PNG (N.E.)'s rates would otherwise no longer be fair, just and not unduly discriminatory;
- C. Commission Order G-208-11 approved for PNG (N.E.) the delivery rates and the Rate Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism rider set forth in the Application on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2012. The Order also established a Preliminary Regulatory Timetable, a Workshop to review the issues in the Application, and invited registered Interveners to make submissions regarding the appropriate and formal review process for the Application;
- D. By letter dated January 4, 2012, the Commission proposed a draft regulatory timetable for the review of the Application and requested submissions regarding the draft regulatory timetable. In accordance with Commission Order G-208-11, a Workshop was held on January 12, 2012;

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- E. The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) and PNG (N.E.) submissions dated January 27, 2012 and January 31, 2012 supported a written hearing process for the review of the Application. The British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO) submission dated January 31, 2012 stated that a written process may be appropriate for the review of the Application, but it reserved the right to re-assess its position at the conclusion of the evidentiary stage. All Parties support delaying the filing date of Information Request (IR) No. 1 until after PNG (N.E.) filed its updated Application;
- F. Commission Order G-12-12 established an Amended Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application that included a request for Intervener submissions regarding the format of the proceeding following PNG (N.E.)'s responses to the second round of IRs and a draft written argument schedule;
- G. The Commission received submissions from PNG and the PRRD on May 18, 2012 and the BCOAPO on May 25, 2012, supporting a written hearing process for the review of the Application;
- H. The Commission has considered the submissions received.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission establishes a written hearing process for the review of the Application. Further, the Commission also establishes a Revised Amended Regulatory Timetable, attached as Appendix A to this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of May 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

C.A. Brown
Commissioner

Attachment

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REVISED AMENDED REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATES (2012)
PNG (N.E.) Final Argument	Tuesday, May 29
Intervener Final Argument	Monday, June 4
PNG (N.E.) Reply Argument	Friday, June 8