



BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER U-G-23-80

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission  
Act, SBC 1980, c. 60

and

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by  
Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd.

BEFORE: R. Smith, )  
Deputy Chairman; )  
D.B. Kilpatrick, ) December 22, 1980  
Commissioner; and )  
J.D.V. Newlands, )  
Commissioner )

O R D E R

WHEREAS by Applications dated June 16, 1980  
Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd. ("Inland") applied for both  
interim and permanent rate relief; and

WHEREAS the Commission, by Order No. G-44-80  
dated June 26, 1980, granted interim relief of approximately  
\$3,100,000; and

WHEREAS by Commission Order No. G-47-80, as  
amended by Order No. G-53-80, the Applications were heard in  
public in Kamloops, British Columbia on November 3, 4, 5, 6,  
and 7, 1980 and in Vancouver, British Columbia on November 26,  
1980; and

WHEREAS it was suggested in the March 1979  
Decision of this Commission that consideration be given by  
Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd. to a Management Audit; and

WHEREAS the matter arose again during the course  
of the hearing and some confusion emerged as to what constitutes  
a Management Audit; and

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WHEREAS the evidence at transcript page 782 indicates this matter has been and is under consideration by the Applicant; and

WHEREAS in view of the above circumstances, the Commission believes that its views should be made known in advance of the Decision, in order that all parties concerned achieve the maximum benefit to be derived from such an audit, at minimum cost; and

WHEREAS on the basis of the history of this matter and evidence adduced, the Commission believes that an independent assessment should be made.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission hereby orders:

- (1) That a Management Audit be undertaken by an independent consultant on terms of reference established by the Commission and that the results thereof be considered in this Applicant's next rate proceeding.
- (2) That the appointment of the consultant and the terms of reference be established by the Commission in a further Order to be issued on or before February 8, 1981.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23<sup>RD</sup> day of December, 1980.

BY ORDER

*D. B. Kilpatrick*

Commissioner