



**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

ORDER  
NUMBER G-5-86

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission  
Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60, as amended

and

IN THE MATTER OF Applications for Rate  
Relief by Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.

BEFORE: M. Taylor, )  
Chairman; )  
J.D.V. Newlands, ) January 29, 1986  
Deputy Chairman; and )  
D.B. Kilpatrick, )  
Commissioner )

O R D E R

WHEREAS a public hearing pertaining to Pacific  
Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") commenced before this Commission at  
Prince Rupert, B.C. on Monday, May 13, 1985 to hear, inter-alia,  
the following matters:

- (a) An Application dated December 21, 1984 for a  
1.88% interim rate increase effective  
February 1, 1985 to its filed Tariff Rate  
Schedules, as supplemented on March 15, 1985.

WHEREAS the Commission has considered the Applica-  
tions and the evidence adduced thereon, all as set forth in a  
Decision issued concurrently with this Order.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission hereby orders Pacific  
Northern Gas Ltd. as follows:

1. The interim rates currently in effect as  
authorized by Commission Order No. G-5-85 are  
hereby confirmed as being excessive to the  
test year Revenue Requirements of PNG.

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2. The Rate Base for the Test Year ending December 31, 1985 is approximately \$90,696,000.
3. The Total Revenue Requirement for the Test Year ending December 31, 1985 is approximately \$88,645,000.
4. The Commission will accept for filing, subject to timely presentation, revised Tariff Rate Schedules conforming to the above-noted Revenue Requirement, effective with consumption on and after March 1, 1986. The amended Tariff Rate Schedules will allow PNG an opportunity to earn a rate of return on common share equity of approximately 15.0%, within a range of 14.75% to 15.25%.
5. PNG is to proceed with refunds to its customers of record in the period February 1, 1985 through February 28, 1986 as specified in the Commission Decision issued concurrently with this Order.
6. PNG will comply with the directions incorporated in the Commission's Decision.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of  
British Columbia, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1986.

BY ORDER



Chairman