



BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

NUMBER G-29-86

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

and

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
ICG Utilities (British Columbia) Ltd.

BEFORE: M. Taylor,)
Chairman;)
J.D.V. Newlands,)
Deputy Chairman;)
D.B. Kilpatrick,) June 10, 1986
Commissioner; and)
N. Martin,)
Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS Commission Order No. G-101-85 accepted for filing effective January 1, 1986 amended Tariff Rate Schedules of ICG Utilities (British Columbia) Ltd. ("ICG") incorporating a 3.8% interim increase in customer rates, with the interim increase subject to refund with interest if not confirmed; and

WHEREAS the January 1, 1986 interim rate increase Application was filed pursuant to Section 67(4) of the Utilities Commission Act; and

WHEREAS ICG applied April 23, 1986 requesting the Commission to confirm the interim rates as firm since the increased costs supporting the rate increase are beyond the control of ICG; and

WHEREAS in the same letter ICG requested that the Commission direct ICG to accumulate all costs related to the Westcoast rate hearing, including carrying costs, in a deferral account to be dealt with by the Commission following the completion of that hearing; and

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WHEREAS the Commission has reviewed the Application and supporting material and is satisfied that the interim rates approved effective January 1, 1986 are appropriate to be confirmed as firm rates.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission hereby orders ICG Utilities (British Columbia) Ltd. as follows:

1. The Commission pursuant to Section 67(4) of the Act will accept for filing subject to timely filing thereof amended Tariff Rate Schedules reflecting confirmation as firm the 3.8% increase in customer rates effective on and after January 1, 1986 to enable recovery of approximately \$307,000 in increased costs over which ICG had no effective control.
2. The Commission rejects ICG's request pertaining to a deferral account to accumulate costs related to the Westcoast rate hearing but requests ICG to supply background and reasons in support of their request.
3. ICG will provide a notice of explanation to all customers affected pertaining to the confirmation as firm by the Commission of the 3.8% increase in customer rates, noting that the rate increase was supported by increased costs beyond the control of ICG.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of July, 1986.

BY ORDER



Chairman