



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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ORDER NUMBER	G-39-86

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

and

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
Columbia Natural Gas Limited

BEFORE: M. Taylor,)
Chairman;)
J.D.V. Newlands,)
Deputy Chairman;)
D.B. Kilpatrick,) June 20, 1986
Commissioner; and)
N. Martin,)
Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS Columbia Natural Gas Limited ("Columbia")
applied May 30, 1986 for interim and permanent rate relief to
become effective July 1, 1986; and

WHEREAS the Application is contained in volumes as
follows:

- Volume 1 - Application and supporting materials
- Volume 2 - Testimony of Company witnesses
- Volume 3 - Direct Evidence of Dr. Robert Evans; and

WHEREAS the Commission has reviewed the Application.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission hereby orders Columbia
Natural Gas Limited as follows:

1. Approval is granted effective July 1, 1986 for a
2.4% interim rate increase, with such interim
increase to be subject to refund with interest
calculated at the average prime rate of the
principal bank with which Columbia conducts its
business.

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2. In granting its approval to the requested interim rate increase the Commission rejects Columbia's request that the company be granted the opportunity to earn a 15.0% rate of return on common equity and directs that the Commission will continue to recognize a 14.75% rate of return on common equity, as appropriate for Columbia, subject to determination at a future public hearing.
3. A public hearing of the Application will be the subject of a subsequent Commission Order.
4. Columbia is to provide to all its customers a Notice providing an explanation of the 2.4% interim increase.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of
British Columbia, this *14th* day of July, 1986.

BY ORDER



Chairman