



BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION	
ORDER	
NUMBER	G-5-87

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 an Application for Rate
Relief by Columbia Natural Gas Limited

BEFORE:	J.D.V. Newlands,)	
	Deputy Chairman; and)	January 21, 1987
	N. Martin,)	
	Commissioner)	

ORDER

WHEREAS a 6-day public hearing pertaining to Columbia Natural Gas Limited ("Columbia") commenced before this Commission at Cranbrook, B.C. on Wednesday, October 15, 1986 and concluded in Vancouver, B.C. on Friday, October 31, 1986 reviewed, inter-alia an Application dated May 30, 1986 for a 2.40% interim rate increase to its filed Tariff Rate Schedules effective July 1, 1986, as amended during the hearing to a requested increase of 3.00%; and

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

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

1. The mid-year Rate Base for the Test Year ending June 30, 1987 shall be approximately \$14,100,000.
2. The Revenue Requirements for the Test Year ending June 30, 1987 are approximately \$28,000,000 which will provide the Applicant the opportunity to earn a return on common equity of approximately 14.0% within the range of 13.50% to 14.25%.

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3. The interim rates approved July 1, 1986 for Schedules I, II, III and IV are determined to be just and reasonable and confirmed.
4. The interim rates applicable to the Special Contract customers shall be reduced as set forth in the Schedules attached to the Decision and the appropriate refund shall be made inclusive of interest. The refund on an annual basis is approximately \$40,000.
5. Columbia will comply with the directions incorporated in the Commission's Decision.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 21st day of January, 1987.

BY ORDER


Deputy Chairman