



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-86-87

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 by
Columbia Natural Gas Limited

BEFORE: J.G. McIntyre,)
Chairman;)
J.D.V. Newlands,)
Deputy Chairman;)
D.B. Kilpatrick,) December 17, 1987
Commissioner; and)
N. Martin,)
Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS Columbia Natural Gas Limited ("Columbia")
applied to amend its filed Gas Tariff Rate Schedules to embody
certain Rate Design matters by filing Volumes 1 and 2 on
September 24, 1985, Volume 3 on July 31, 1986, and Volume 4 on
September 30, 1987; and

WHEREAS the nature of Rate Design involves matters
which may significantly affect Columbia's customers served under
all classes of service; and

WHEREAS in a January 21, 1987 Commission Decision it
was stated that a complaint by Fording Coal Limited of rate
discrimination by Columbia would be dealt with as part of the
Columbia Rate Design hearing; and

WHEREAS the Commission has considered the Application
Volumes and has now determined an appropriate date for the public
hearing thereof.

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

1. A public hearing of the Application by Columbia and
the Fording Coal Limited Complaint will be held
commencing at 9:30 a.m., local time on Tuesday,
February 23, 1988 at the Inn of the South, 803
Cranbrook Street, Cranbrook, B.C.

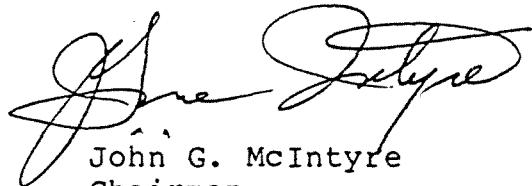
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2. Columbia will arrange for publication not later than Thursday, December 31, 1987 of a Notice of Public Hearing, as per attached copy, in one issue each of the Vancouver Sun, the Vancouver Province and such other appropriate news publications as may provide adequate coverage for the service area of the utility.
3. Columbia will file with the Commission not later than Friday, January 22, 1988 any additional prepared testimony and supplemental material upon which it proposes to rely.
4. Interested persons intending to be present and participate in the public hearing should give notice of intention to do so to the Commission Secretary, and to the Applicant, to be received not later than Friday, January 22, 1988. Such notice should state the nature of your interest in the proceeding.
5. Interested persons intending to file a written submission should provide one copy to the Commission Secretary, and one copy to the Applicant, to be received not later than Friday, January 29, 1988.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of
British Columbia, this 18th day of December, 1987.

BY ORDER


John G. McIntyre
Chairman

Attachment



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE APPLICATION

Columbia Natural Gas Limited ("Columbia") filed Volumes 1 through 4 seeking to amend its filed Gas Tariff Schedules to embody certain Rate Design matters, applied to establish a new class of service entitled Rate Schedule 6.

The nature of Rate Design involves matters which may significantly affect Columbia's customers served under all classes of service. Additionally a complaint by Fording Coal Limited of rate discrimination by Columbia requires resolution.

THE PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing of the Application volumes filed by Columbia and the Fording Coal Limited Complaint will be heard commencing at 9:30 a.m., local time on Tuesday, February 23, 1988 at the Inn of the South, 803 Cranbrook Street, Cranbrook, B.C.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application and supporting material are available for inspection at its Cranbrook office and the Head Office of Columbia Natural Gas Limited located at the 23rd Floor, 1066 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C.

A copy of the Application and supporting material is also available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, 4th Floor, 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

INTERVENTIONS

Any person intending to attend the hearing should provide written notice, to be received not later than Friday, January 22, 1988, to the Commission Secretary, and to the Applicant. Those persons intending to give evidence or cross-examine witnesses should, in addition, provide a brief written statement of the nature of their interest in the proceeding.

SUBMISSIONS BY INTERESTED PERSONS

Any person intending to file a written submission should file not later than Friday, January 29, 1988, one copy of the Submission to the Commission Secretary, and to the Applicant.

CLARIFICATION

Persons intending to participate in the public hearing who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed should contact the Commission Secretary by telephone (660-4700 Collect), or in writing.

BY ORDER

A.C. Michelson
Commission Secretary