

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 certain costs incidental  
to the conduct of a public hearing of an  
Application by Columbia Natural Gas Limited

BEFORE: J.G. McIntyre, )  
Chairman: )  
N. Martin, ) June 20, 1988  
Commissioner; and )  
H.J. Page, )  
Commissioner )

O R D E R

WHEREAS an Application concerning rate design ("the Application") by Columbia Natural Gas Limited ("Columbia") and a complaint ("Complaint") registered by Fording Coal Limited were heard in a public forum pursuant to Commission Order No. G-86-87; and

WHEREAS Commission Order No. G-51-88 and the Decision on the Application and Complaint was rendered on May 17, 1988; and

WHEREAS in the course of conducting a public hearing of the said Application and Complaint the Commission has incurred certain costs incidental thereto; and

WHEREAS such Commission costs were paid from time to time on behalf of the Commission by the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations of the Province of British Columbia.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 133 of the Utilities Commission Act the Commission orders Columbia to pay \$85,698, being Commission costs incidental to the Application, to the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations.

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ORDER

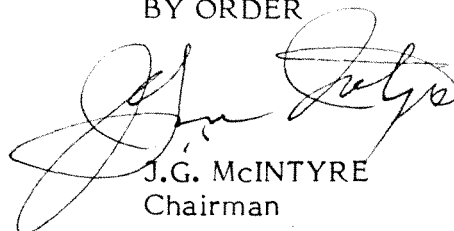
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2. The amount of \$40,410 relating to salaries, wages and benefits for Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd. employees that was included in the hearing costs of Columbia is disallowed.
3. Total hearing costs of \$257,179 are allowed to be recovered over a three-year period, and allocated on a 70 percent recovery from the Large Industrial Contract Customers and 30 percent to all other user classes, based on a gross cost of service.
4. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing, filed Gas Tariff Rate Schedules to embody the Commission's Decision on rate design and distribution of hearing costs effective June 1, 1988, in accordance with the Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1988.

BY ORDER

  
J.G. McINTYRE  
Chairman

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