



BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-1-89

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 by  
Northland Utilities (B.C.) Limited

BEFORE: J.G. McIntyre, )  
Chairman; )  
J.D.V. Newlands, )  
Deputy Chairman; )  
W.M. Swanson, Q.C., ) January 6, 1989  
Commissioner; and )  
W.A. Best, )  
Commissioner )

O R D E R

WHEREAS Northland Utilities (B.C.) Limited ("Northland") applied December 20, 1988 pursuant to the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") for a Commission Order granting a general rate increase of 8.28% applicable uniformly to all classes of service in the Dawson Creek Division, effective with consumption on and after February 20, 1989; and

WHEREAS the Application is to permit Northland to recover a fair rate of return on common equity for the calendar years 1989 and 1990; and

WHEREAS the Commission has reviewed the Application and supporting documentation and is satisfied that the intent of the Application is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS the Commission believes that the interim increase should reflect the applied for revenue requirement in each of the two test years.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission hereby orders Northland Utilities (B.C.) Limited as follows:

1. The requested 8.28% increase over existing rates, to become effective February 20, 1989, is denied.
2. An increase of 6.51%, effective January 20, 1989 will be permitted to be recovered from the Dawson Creek, B.C. customers on an interim basis, with the interim increase to be subject to refund with interest calculated at the average prime rate of the principal bank with which Northland conducts its business.

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3. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing, Gas Tariff Rate Schedules amended in accordance with the terms of this Order effective with consumption on and after January 20, 1989.
4. For the 1990 test year, an increase of 1.7% over existing rates will be allowed effective January 1, 1990, subject to confirmation at a public hearing.
5. The matter of a public hearing of the Application will be the subject of a further Order of the Commission.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British  
Columbia, this *9<sup>th</sup>* day of January, 1989.

BY ORDER

  
John G. McIntyre  
Chairman

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