

 COLUMBIA Commission

ORDER NUMBER <u>C-6-90</u>

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 Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.

BEFORE: J.G. McIntyre,) Chairman;) J.D.V. Newlands,) Deputy Chairman;) May 24, 1990 N. Martin,) Commissioner; and) W.M. Swanson, Q.C.,) Commissioner)

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS on May 15, 1990 Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") applied for approval of a franchise agreement dated August 13, 1988 ("the Agreement") between PNG and The District of Houston ("the Municipality"); and

WHEREAS the Agreement replaces an Order of the Public Utilities Commission dated August 13, 1968 which set forth the terms and conditions under which PNG could enter upon and use public thoroughfares and places within the Municipality for its operations; and

WHEREAS the Municipality has obtained approval in principle of the Agreement from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture; and

WHEREAS the Commission has reviewed the Application and supporting documentation and finds that approval of the Agreement is necessary for the public convenience and properly conserves the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 51(4) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission approves the Agreement between PNG and The District of Houston which shall expire 21 years from the effective date of this Order, provided that such determination, approval and grant shall not restrict any regulatory power of the Commission.

Columbia, this Zotta day of May, 1990.

BY ORDER John G. McIntyre Chairman

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