

IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission
Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60, as amended

and

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
Squamish Gas Co. Ltd.

BEFORE: J.D.V. Newlands,)
Deputy Chairman and)
Chairman of the Division; and) December 20, 1990
W.M. Swanson, Q.C.,)
Commissioner)

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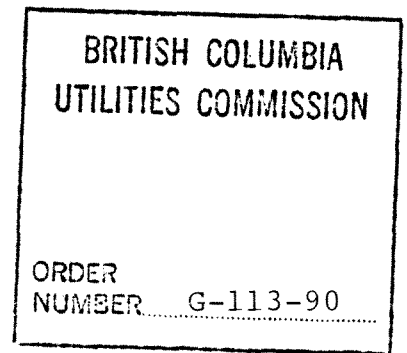
WHEREAS:

- A. On December 13, 1990 Squamish Gas Co. Ltd. ("Squamish Gas") applied for Commission approval, pursuant to Section 67(2) of the Utilities Commission Act, of amendments to its Gas Tariff, Rate Schedule 1 - General Service Rate to allow for a pass-through increase of 26 percent in propane product costs from the Company's supplier, Superior Propane Inc., effective with consumption January 1, 1991; and
- B. Squamish Gas included in the above increase the recovery from the Propane Cost Deferral Account by increasing Rider 1 from \$0.096 to \$0.322 per Ccf effective January 1, 1991; and
- C. By letter dated December 13, 1990 the District of Squamish raised concerns about the propane price increases to Squamish Gas customers; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Application and other documentation and is of the opinion that a public hearing is in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission hereby orders as follows:

- 1. The Application by Squamish Gas to increase rates for General Service customers and to increase Rider 1, both effective January 1, 1991, is deferred pending the outcome of a public hearing.
- 2. A public hearing into the Squamish Gas Application is to commence at 7:00 p.m. local time, Monday, February 11, 1991 at the Garibaldi Highlander Hotel, 40330 Tantalus Way, Garibaldi Highlands, Squamish, B.C.
- 3. Squamish Gas will arrange for publication in display ad format, not later than January 19, 1991, of a Notice of Public Hearing in the Squamish Times and such other appropriate local news publications as may properly provide adequate notice to the population in the service area of the utility.
- 4. Squamish Gas will arrange for public service announcements and spot-radio advertisements concerning the proposed increase in propane costs and the scheduling of the public hearing.
- 5. The Application and supporting material is to be made available for inspection at the Squamish Gas Head Office in Vancouver, B.C., District Office in Squamish and at the local Squamish Public Library.

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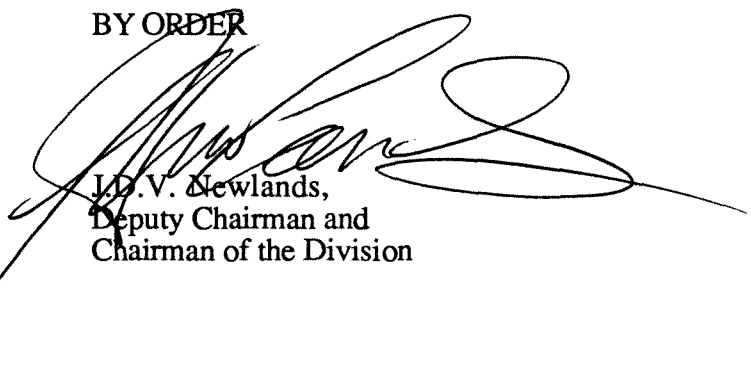


The Application and supporting material is also available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

6. Intervenors and Interested Parties intending to be present, who wish to file a written submission, or wish to participate in the public hearing should advise the Commission Secretary and the Applicant, not later than Monday, February 4, 1991.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of January, 1991.

BY ORDER


J.D.V. Newlands,
Deputy Chairman and
Chairman of the Division

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BCUC/Orders 91/Squamish Rider 1 Increases



SQUAMISH GAS CO. LTD.
Application to Increase Rates

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: February 11, 1991
Location: Garibaldi Highlander Hotel
40330 Tantalus Way
Garibaldi Highlands
Squamish, B.C.

THE APPLICATION

Squamish Gas Co. Ltd. ("Squamish Gas") applied to the Commission to increase rates charged to its General Service rate customers by 37.4 cents per Ccf and to increase the amount to be recovered from Rider 1, the Propane Purchase Deferral Account, from 9.6 cents per Ccf to 32.2 cents per Ccf, both effective January 1, 1991. The combined increases, if approved, would amount to an approximate increase of 26 percent or 60.0 cents per Ccf over existing rates.

The Commission deferred approval of the increases and has set the matter down for public hearing.

THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Application will be heard commencing at 7:00 p.m. local time, Monday, February 11, 1991 and will continue at 9:00 a.m., February 12, 1991 at the Garibaldi Highlander Hotel, 40330 Tantalus Way, Garibaldi Highlands, Squamish, B.C.

The Division of the Commission named to review the Application is comprised of the following members:

Mr. J.D.V. Newlands, Deputy Chairman and
Chairman of the Division
Mr. W.M. Swanson, Q.C., Commissioner

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application, supporting material and Commission Order No. G-113-90 are available for inspection at the following locations:

Squamish Gas Co. Ltd.

-	Head Office	1066 West Hastings Street	Vancouver, B.C.
-	District Office	1343 Winnipeg Street	Squamish, B.C.

Squamish Public Library	37955 Second Avenue	Squamish, B.C.
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A copy of the Application and supporting material is also available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

PARTICIPATION AND SUBMISSION BY INTERESTED PARTIES

Any person wishing to file a written submission, give evidence or cross-examine witnesses should ensure that the written advice or information is received by the Commission Secretary and the Applicant not later than Monday, February 4, 1991. The submission should include a brief statement as to the nature of the interest in the proceedings.

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CLARIFICATION

Persons intending to participate in the public hearing, who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Mr. R.J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Philip Nakoneshny, Senior Financial Analyst - Petroleum, by telephone (660-4700) or (B.C. Toll Free: 1-800-663-1385), or in writing.

BY ORDER



Robert J. Pellatt
Commission Secretary

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BCUC/Orders/Squamish Notice of Hearing