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UTILITIES	COMMISSION
	G-110-90

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; ) N. Martin, ) December 20, 1990 Commissioner; and ) W.M. Swanson, Q.C., ) Commissioner )

## ORDER

## WHEREAS:

- A. On November 19, 1990 Northland Utilities (B.C.) Limited ("Northland") applied to the Commission for approval to maintain existing rates to its Dawson Creek Division customers and to allow the utility to recover from a deferral account, sufficient funds to permit it to earn its approved rate of return for 1991, consistent with Commission Decision and Order No. G-26-89; and
- B. On September 19, 1990 Northland advised the Commission that it was overrecovering \$0.10 per GJ, in the cost of gas from customers effective from November 1, 1989, the excess of which was placed in a deferral account for that purpose; and
- C. The deferral account, including interest, will be used to maintain existing natural gas sales rates for the calendar year 1991; and
- D. On December 13, 1990 Northland advised customers, by way of a Notice, of its intent to maintain existing rates during 1991; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that approval is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves the use of the cost of gas deferral account that will allow Northland to recover its approved rate of return for the calendar year 1991.
- 2. When the cost of gas for 1991 is identified, Northland is to provide the Commission with a reconciliation and status of its cost of gas deferral account.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 100 day of January, 1991.

BY ORDER John G. McIntyre Chairman

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