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ORDER
NUMBER G-130-93

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

and

An Application by BC Gas Utility Ltd.

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) December 15, 1993

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 22, 1993 BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BCGUL") filed with the Commission an application based on a two-year test period to increase rates on an interim and permanent basis to the captive rates of customers in the Lower Mainland, Inland and Columbia Divisions effective January 1, 1994 and a further increase effective January 1, 1995 ("the Application") pursuant to Sections 64 and 101 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- B. The Commission by Order No. G-120-93 approved for BCGUL an interim rate increase of 6.26 percent on gross margin revenue of the captive rate schedules effective with consumption on and after January 1, 1994. The Commission also requested submissions from all interested parties before January 5, 1994 with respect to the holding of a separate joint hearing to deal with the rates of return on common equity for both PNG and BC Gas Utility Ltd. The matter of a public hearing or the use of an Alternative Dispute Resolution into the Application would be the subject of a further Order of the Commission; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed its schedule and wishes to advise participants of a provisional public hearing date into the Application.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders BCGUL as follows:

- 1. A public hearing into the Application will be held on April 25, 1994 at a time and location to be announced by way of a future Commission Order and Notice of Public Hearing.
- 2. BCGUL is to advise all its industrial customers, intervenors and interested parties of the public hearing date into the Application.

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3. BCGUL will also advise customers of the Commission's Policy on Participant Funding approved by Order No. G-117-93.
4. The Application and supporting materials are to be made available at the Head Office of BCGUL at 1111 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C. and at each district office located in its service area. The Application will also be available for inspection at the B.C. Utilities Commission office at the 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.
5. Intervenors and interested parties intending to participate in the BCGUL public hearing should register with the Commission as soon as possible.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of December, 1993.

BY ORDER


Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson