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ORDER
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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 Inc.
and Commission Order No. G-120-92

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chair; and) April 20, 1993
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner; and)
E.C. Sleath, Commissioner)

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 23, 1992 BC Gas Inc. ("BC Gas") filed with the Commission an Application ("the Application") to increase rates on an interim and permanent basis to all customers in the Lower Mainland, Inland and Columbia Divisions pursuant to Sections 64, 67, 106 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"). Commission Order No. G-114-92 approved for BC Gas an interim increase of 9.787 percent on the gross margin of the divisional captive rate schedules effective January 1, 1993; and
- B. The Commission, by Order No. G-120-92, set down the Application for public hearing to commence May 25, 1993 in the Commission Hearing Room in Vancouver, B.C., and indicated that the matters of a pre-hearing conference and the need for regional public hearings would be the subject of a further Order of the Commission; and
- C. The Commission did not receive requests for regional public hearings and considers that a pre-hearing conference is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders BC Gas as follows:

1. A pre-hearing conference into the Application will be held commencing at 9:00 a.m. local time, Thursday, May 6, 1993 in the British Columbia Utilities Commission Hearing Room, 6th Floor - 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2N3. The matters discussed will include but will not be limited to the following:
 - procedures at the May 25, 1993 public hearing
 - order of witness presentation
 - order of cross-examination
 - identification of other issues and concerns
2. Due to the lack of interest in regional public hearings, the Commission has not scheduled public hearings outside of the Commission's Hearing Room in Vancouver, B.C.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 21st day of April, 1993.

BY ORDER

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chair