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UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-32-93

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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 Inc. and
Commission Orders No. G-92-91 and G-15-93

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson;)
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner; and) May 11, 1993
E.C. Sleath, Commissioner;)

WHEREAS:

- A. Commission Order No. G-92-91 set down BC Gas Inc.'s ("BC Gas") Application for Gas Cost Methodology for public hearing and provided a schedule for future filings of Revenue Requirements and Rate Design for the Lower Mainland, Inland, Columbia and Fort Nelson Divisions; and
- B. On August 5, 1992 the Commission issued Order No. G-63-92 and its Decision covering BC Gas' 1992 Revenue Requirements. The Commission Decision required BC Gas to review certain proposals in its next Rate Design Application; and
- C. On November 9, 1992 B.C. Health Services Ltd. ("BCHS") and Inland Natural Gas Marketing Ltd. ("INGM") complained to the Commission about fixed charges contained in the Interruptible and Transportation Rate Schedules of BC Gas and asked for a waiver of certain basic fixed charges that the utility was recovering from customers; and
- D. On November 20, 1992, the Commission wrote to BC Gas confirming that the Phase B Rate Design Application was to be filed by February, 1993; and
- E. On February 26, 1993 BC Gas provided the Commission with an update on its Phase B Rate Design Application and indicated that a final Application would be filed by April 15, 1993. BC Gas also stated that:
 - the timing of its filing of a Rate Design Application was agreeable to BCHS and INGM;

- it would file with the Commission and other interested parties the key underlying studies of rate design by mid-March 1993;
- it would hold a meeting on March 24, 1993 to discuss rate design proposals with its industrial customers; and

F. Commission Order No. G-15-93 set down a public hearing into the BC Gas Phase B Rate Design Application to commence at 8:30 a.m., Monday, July 5, 1993 in the Commission Hearing Room, 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders BC Gas as follows:

1. A pre-hearing conference into the BC Gas Phase B Rate Design is set for 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 19, 1993 in the Commission Hearing Room, 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.
2. The pre-hearing conference will consider the scope of issues to be addressed in the hearing, specific timing deadlines, and the possibility of holding regional hearings.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of May, 1993.

BY ORDER



Frank C. Leighton
Commissioner