

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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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. for Approval of Off-System Sales Coordination Centre

**BEFORE:** 

M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and )

K.L. Hall, Commissioner

November 24, 1994

## ORDER

## WHEREAS:

- A. On November 21, 1994 BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") applied to the Commission for approval to set up an Off-System Sales Coordination Centre ("OSS") that will provide the utility with electronic sales and market information for natural gas services; and
- B. BC Gas advised that it will incur approximately \$99,900 of costs for equipment, facilities and operating expenses and requests the Commission approve an increase in the core market administration costs as well as the establishment of a deferral account to capture such costs for future recovery that will be decided in the review of its 1996 Revenue Requirements application; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds the approval is necessary and in the public interest.

## **NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for BC Gas the expenditures of up to approximately \$99,900 for equipment, facilities and operating expenses relating to OSS.
- 2. The Commission approves for BC Gas the setting up of a deferral account in order to capture costs associated with OSS, the disposition of which will be decided at the utility's 1996 Revenue Requirements application.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 284 day of November, 1994

BY ORDER

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard

Chairperson