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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-10-94

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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)
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner) February 11, 1994

ORDER

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, on an interim and permanent basis, 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; 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 Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and BCGUL. The matter of a public hearing or the use of an Alternate Dispute Resolution into the Application would be the subject of a further Order of the Commission; and
- C. The Commission, by Order No. G-130-93, established a provisional hearing date of April 25, 1994 for the commencement of a public hearing into the Application; and
- D. The Commission, by Order No. G-4-94, set up a separate joint hearing to deal with the rates of return on common equity for certain utilities under its jurisdiction, including BCGUL, that will commence on April 5, 1994; and
- E. On January 24, 1994 BCGUL provided a response to Commission staff Information Requests and a pre-hearing conference was held on February 4, 1994, with respect to the process and a timetable for the resolution of potential issues.


NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders BCGUL as follows:

- 1. The process to resolve the potential issues (except those relating to return on common equity and capital structure) will follow the attached timetable.
- 2. Specifically, intervenors and interested parties are to advise the Commission Secretary, in writing, of their intention to participate in the proceedings by Monday, February 28, 1994.

3. All parties intending to apply for Participant Funding must file a budget by February 28, 1994 consistent with the Commission's Guidelines as outlined in Commission Order No. G-117-93, copies of which are available in BCGUL's offices.
4. Interested parties intending to make requests for additional information from BCGUL should do so as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, March 7, 1994. Information requests shall be responded to by BCGUL by Monday, March 14, 1994.
5. All interested parties who wish to participate as Intervenor shall file any submissions or evidence by Friday, April 8, 1994 with Mr. R.J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, B.C. Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Box 250, Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2N3. Questions regarding the above should be directed in writing or by telephone to Mr. Pellatt or Mr. Simon Wong (Manager, Rates and Finance, Petroleum) of the Commission at (604) 660-4700, or BC Toll Free 1-800-663-1385.
6. The time and place for the various workshops and Negotiation Dates will be further advised by the Commission to Registered Intervenor.
7. A final Pre-hearing Conference will be held in the Commission Hearing Room at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, 1994.
8. A Public Hearing will be held commencing 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 25, 1994 in the Commission Hearing Room.
9. BCGUL will publish, in display-ad format, the attached Notice in the business sections of The Vancouver Sun and The Province newspapers, and in local newspapers in its service area before Monday, February 21, 1994.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of February, 1994.

BY ORDER


Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson

Attachment

TIMETABLE

BC Gas Utility Ltd. 1994/95 Revenue Requirement ApplicationORDER
NUMBER G-10-94

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>DATE (1994)</u>
Interventions (& Request for Funding)	February 28
<u>Workshop</u> - Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism	March 3
Deadline for Intervenor Information Requests	March 7
Intervenor Identify Issues	March 7
Applicant Response to Intervenor Information Requests	March 14
Issues Day (Conference)	March 17
BCUC Order Defining Issues	March 18
Deadline for Interrogatories on Defined Issues	March 22
<u>Workshop</u> - Sales forecasts, O & M, Plant Additions and Non-Regulated Businesses	March 25
<u>Workshop</u> - Management Information Systems	March 28
Applicant Response All Information Requests on Defined Issues	March 28
Negotiation Days	March 29-31
Intervenor file Evidence	April 8
Applicant Information Requests of Intervenor	April 12
<u>Workshop</u> - Integrated Resource Planning	April 15
Intervenor Response to Applicant's Information Requests	April 19
Pre-hearing Conference	April 20
Public Hearing	April 25



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1994 and 1995 Revenue Requirements

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Date: April 25, 1994
Location: Commission Hearing Room
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, B.C.

THE APPLICATION

BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BCGUL") applied to the Commission to increase rates to all customers in the Lower Mainland, Inland and Columbia Divisions effective January 1, 1994 with a further increase effective January 1, 1995. The Commission, by Order No. G-120-93, approved an interim rate increase of 2.47 percent to all captive rate schedules (6.26 percent on gross margin) for 1994. The Commission by Order No. G-130-93 set a provisional hearing date of April 25, 1994.

PROCESS

As outlined in a timetable contained in Order No. G-10-94, BCGUL will conduct various workshops (on specific and technical issues) for Intervenors and Interested Parties commencing Thursday, March 3, 1994. Negotiations to clarify or seek resolution of certain issues will occur from March 29 to 31, 1994. Unresolved issues will be examined in the public hearing on April 25, 1994.

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

A Pre-hearing Conference to identify specific issues will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 17, 1994 in the Commission's Hearing Room. A final Pre-hearing Conference will be held in the Commission Hearing Room commencing at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 20, 1994 in order to clarify unresolved issues or answer questions of the participants.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application, supporting material and Commission Orders No. G-117-93, G-120-93, G-130-93, G-4-94, and G-10-94 are available for inspection at the following locations:

BC Gas Utility Ltd.

Head Office: 1111 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6E 4M4.

District Offices: Kelowna, Penticton, Kamloops, Prince George and Cranbrook, B.C.

An Executive Summary of the Application is available to Interested Parties, upon request from BCGUL at no charge.

Copies of the Application and supporting material are also available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3.

INTERVENTIONS

Intervenors and Interested Parties are to advise the Commission Secretary of their intention to participate in the proceedings, in writing, by Monday, February 28, 1994.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

Registered Intervenors or Interested Parties requesting additional information from the Applicant should do so as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, March 7, 1994. Information Requests shall be responded to by BCGUL by Monday, March 14, 1994.

SUBMISSIONS BY INTERVENORS

Written evidence from Intervenors is required to be filed, one copy each, with the Commission Secretary and BCGUL, by Friday, April 8, 1994.

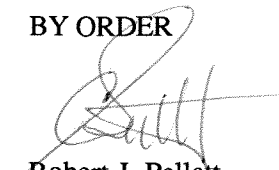
PARTICIPANT FUNDING

All parties intending to apply for Participant Funding must file a budget by Monday, February 28, 1994 consistent with the Commission's Policy and Rate Sheet as outlined in Order No. G-117-93.

CLARIFICATION

Persons intending to participate in the Pre-hearing Conference or in the public hearing process, and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Mr. R.J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Simon Wong, Manager, Rates and Finance - Petroleum; by telephone at 660-4700, or B.C. Toll Free: 1-800-663-1385, or in writing to the above address or faxed to 660-1102. The Commission can also be reached on the Government Electronic Mail System ("GEMS") at RPELLAT@BCSC or, on the Internet at RPELLAT@VAXBCSC.GOV.BC.CA

BY ORDER


for: Robert J. Pellatt