



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 Cost of Gas and Rate Changes effective January 1, 1996

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson) December 21, 1995

O R D E R

WHEREAS:


- A. On December 11, 1995 and as amended December 12, 1995, BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas"), pursuant to Section 67(4) of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), applied to the Commission for approval to pass-through cost of gas changes to its Gas Tariff Rate Schedules for the Lower Mainland, Inland, Columbia and Fort Nelson Service areas effective January 1, 1996 ("the Application"); and
- B. The cost of gas changes shown in Table B of the Application result in decreases in rates to residential and commercial customers of approximately \$0.70/GJ in the Lower Mainland service area, \$0.65/GJ in the Inland service area, \$0.53/GJ in the Columbia service area and \$0.43/GJ in the Fort Nelson service area; and
- C. The Application requested that as per Table C, some \$10 million of this gas cost reduction not be passed through as a provision against future unforeseen gas cost increases; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Application and is satisfied that approval of the cost of gas reductions as shown in Table B is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves, pursuant to Section 67(4) of the Act, the cost of gas changes as shown in Table B of the Application, effective January 1, 1996.
- 2. BC Gas, by way of customer notice, is to provide all affected customers with an explanation of the Gas Tariff rate schedule changes effective January 1, 1996.
- 3. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing, amended Gas Tariff Rate Schedules in accordance with the terms of this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 21st day of December, 1995.

BY ORDER


Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson