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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-60-95

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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 its 1996, 1997 and 1998 Revenue Requirements

**BEFORE:** M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson ) July 25, 1995

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**


- A. On July 4, 1995 BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") filed with the Commission an application based on a three-year test period to increase captive rates of customers in the Lower Mainland, Inland and Columbia Divisions commencing January 1, 1996 and further increases effective January 1, 1997 and 1998 ("the Application") pursuant to Sections 64 and 101 of the Utilities Commission Act; and
- B. On July 20, 1995 the Commission held a Pre-hearing Conference, pursuant to Order No. G-54-95, to establish a timetable for the public review of the Application.

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

- 1. The timetable attached as Appendix A summarizes the key dates in the review process. Further details are provided in the attached Notice of Hearing.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1995.

BY ORDER

  
Dr. Mark K. Jaccard  
Chairperson

Attachments

**TIMETABLE**

**BC GAS UTILITY LTD.**  
1996 to 1998 Revenue Requirements Application

**ACTION**

**DATE (1995)**

Commission Staff Information Request #1	Friday, August 4
Deadline for publication of Hearing Notice	Monday, August 21
BC Gas filings: supplementary information to the Application and response to Staff Information Request #1	Monday, August 28
Interventions & Request for Participant Funding	Friday, September 8
<u>Workshop</u> - Integrated Resource Planning and Capital Additions	Tuesday, September 12
<u>Workshop</u> - O&M and Sales forecasts	Wednesday, September 13
<u>Workshop</u> - Incentive Mechanisms, Return on Equity, Accounting and Tax Issues	Thursday, September 14
Deadline for filing of Intervenor Information Requests	Wednesday, September 20
Deadline for Response to all Information Requests	Wednesday, October 4
Pre-hearing Conference	Friday, October 6
Negotiation Days	Wednesday, October 11 to Friday, October 13
Deadline for filing of Intervenor Evidence	Monday, October 23
Public Hearing	Tuesday, November 14

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### BC GAS UTILITY LTD. REVENUE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1996 TO 1998

Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 1995  
Location: Commission Hearing Room  
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street  
Vancouver, B.C.

#### THE APPLICATION

BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") applied to the Commission to increase rates to all customers in the Lower Mainland, Inland and Columbia Divisions effective January 1, 1996 with further increases effective January 1, 1997 and 1998. The Commission has set a provisional hearing date of November 14, 1995.

#### PROCESS

- As outlined in a timetable contained in Order No. G-60-95, BC Gas will conduct various workshops (on specific and technical issues) for Intervenor and Interested Parties on September 12, 13 and 14, 1995 commencing at 8:30 A.M. daily in its main floor meeting rooms located at 1111 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C.
- A final Pre-hearing Conference will be held at 8:30 a.m., October 6, 1995 in the Commission's Hearing Room in order to identify the principal issues and to determine the final process.
- Subject to agreement of the parties, negotiations to seek resolution of certain issues will occur from October 11 to 13, 1995. Any settlement agreement and all unresolved issues will be considered by the Commission in the public hearing commencing on November 14, 1995.

#### PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application, supporting material and Commission Orders No. G-54-95, and G-60-95 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 BC Gas.

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 September 8, 1995.

## INFORMATION REQUESTS

Registered Intervenors or Interested Parties requesting additional information from the Applicant should do so as soon as possible, but no later than September 20, 1995. Information Requests shall be responded to by BC Gas as soon as possible, but no later than October 4, 1995.

## SUBMISSIONS BY INTERVENORS

Written submissions or evidence from Intervenors is required to be filed, one copy each, with the Commission Secretary and BC Gas, by October 23, 1995.

## PARTICIPANT FUNDING

All parties intending to apply for Participant Funding must file a budget by September 8, 1995 consistent with the Commission's Policy and Rate Sheet as outlined in Order No. G-117-93. Copies of the Participant Funding Policy and Rate Sheet are available upon request.

## CLARIFICATION

Persons intending to participate in the workshops, 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, the Information Services Group, 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](mailto:RPELLAT@BCSC) or, on the Internet at [RPELLAT@GALAXY.GOV.BC.CA](mailto:RPELLAT@GALAXY.GOV.BC.CA).

BY ORDER



for: Constance M. Smith  
Robert J. Pellatt