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## IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60, as amended

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and

An Application by Pacific Northern Gas Ltd./Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. in the form of a Cost of Service Allocation / Rate Design Study

<b>BEFORE:</b>	L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson; and )	
	K.L. Hall, Commissioner )	December 15, 1995

## ORDER

## WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission's February 27, 1991 Decision regarding a complaint by Ocelot Chemicals Inc. and a Rate Design Application by Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") directed PNG to file an updated Cost of Service Study prior to November 1, 1993; and
- B. PNG filed a Cost of Service Allocation Study dated November 1, 1993 which was based on 1993 contract demands and projected load patterns; and
- C. On December 2, 1994, PNG and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. ("PNG[N.E.]"), which serves the Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge areas, applied to the Commission for approval to amend their rates and Commission Order No. G-16-95 directed that the Revenue Requirements and Rate Design/Integrated Resource Planning aspects of the application would be dealt with in separate hearings; and
- D. PNG/PNG(N.E.) Revenue Requirements for the 1995 test year were dealt with through an Alternative Dispute Resolution process and the settlement was approved by Commission Order No. G-32-95; and
- E. On July 6, 1995, PNG filed its 1995 Cost of Service Allocation/Rate Design Study (the "Application") which was based on the approved 1995 Revenue Requirements and which included the Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge areas served by PNG(N.E.); and
- F. On July 26, 1995, the Commission issued Letter No. L-32-95 which approved the PNG Integrated Resource Plan; and
- G. The Commission by Order No. G-59-95 set down the PNG/PNG(N.E.) Application for a public hearing to commence September 25, 1995 and scheduled a public workshop prior to that date; and
- H. Commission Orders No. G-71-95 and G-83-95 rescheduled the public hearing to provide the parties with an opportunity to resolve issues in advance of the hearing; and
- I. The public hearing into the Application was held in Vancouver, B.C. from October 23 through October 25, 1995; and

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J. The Commission has considered the Application and evidence presented at the hearing, and the written arguments that were filed after the hearing.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders PNG and PNG(N.E.) to comply with the findings in the Commission's Decision issued concurrently with and having the same date as this Order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this  $15^{th}$  day of December, 1995.

**BY ORDER** 

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Lorna R. Barr Deputy Chairperson