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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 Pacific Northern Gas Ltd./Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. for Approval of 1995 Revenue Requirements

BEFORE:	M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)	
	L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson)	February 9, 1995

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 2, 1994 Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. ["PNG(N.E.)"] jointly applied to the Commission, pursuant to Sections 64 and 106 of the Utilities Commission Act, for approval to amend their Gas Tariff Rate Schedules on an interim and permanent basis effective January 1, 1995 ("the Application"); and
- B. The Commission reviewed the Application, approved an interim increase for PNG and PNG(N.E.) at Dawson Creek, an interim decrease for PNG(N.E.) at Tumbler Ridge and issued Order No. G-97-94 and Notice of Public Hearing; and
- C. On December 20, 1994 PNG informed the Commission of its desire to settle the Application by way of an Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") process and proposed a timetable for the process; and
- D. On January, 19 1995 the Commission, by Order No. G-11-95, scheduled a February 2, 1995 Pre-Hearing Conference to discuss potential issues in the Application; timing of the ADR or public hearing process; and for participants to clarify and have questions answered regarding the Application.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission, following input from the Pre-Hearing Conference, orders the following with respect to the PNG and PNG (N.E.) Application:

- 1. The Application will be examined in two hearings:
 - 1995 Revenue Requirements
 - Rate Design/Integrated Resource Planning ("IRP")
- 2. An ADR process with respect to the revenue requirements of the Application will commence at 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 24, 1995 in the PNG Head Office (1400 1185 West Georgia Street). A public hearing, if required, will take place as published in the Notice of Public Hearing issued with Order No. G-97-94.

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3. With regard to the Rate Design/IRP hearing, PNG and PNG(N.E.) will provide a draft copy of their respective cost of service studies to all Registered Intervenors and a complete response to Information Request No. 2 of Methanex Corporation by June 30, 1995. Final cost of service studies and evidence in support of the Application will be filed by August 1, 1995.

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- 4. The date and place of the public hearing into Rate Design/IRP will be determined by a future Commission Order.
- 5. Interested Parties who wish to participate, or become Intervenors in the Rate Design/IRP hearing should register with the Commission in writing as soon as possible.
- **DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}$ day of February, 1995.

BY ORDER

Z Dr. Mark K. Jaccard Chairperson

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