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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-33-96

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

and

An Application by Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.  
for 1996 Revenue Requirements and Interim Rate Changes

and

An Application to Adjourn Consideration of the PNG Heating Insurance Plan

**BEFORE:** L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson; and )  
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner ) April 9, 1996

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On November 28, 1995 Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. - West Division ("PNG") and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. - Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge Divisions ["PNG(N.E.)"] applied to the Commission, pursuant to Sections 64 and 106 of the Utilities Commission Act, for approval to amend its Gas Tariff Rate Schedules on an interim and permanent basis effective January 1, 1996 ("the Application"); and
- B. The Commission issued Orders No. G-117-95 and G-24-96 which set a public hearing into the Application commencing at 9:00 a.m., April 9, 1996; and
- C. On March 4, 1996 PNG requested Commission approval of a Heating Insurance Plan pilot program and the Commission, by letter dated March 12, 1996, decided that the matter should be dealt with in the public hearing commencing April 9, 1996; and
- D. On April 9, 1996 counsel representing a number of independent gas contractors requested that consideration of PNG's Heating Insurance Plan application be adjourned for approximately two months so that the contractors have an opportunity to obtain additional information from PNG with regard to the program.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission has considered the submissions on this matter and orders as follows:

- 1. Consideration of PNG's March 4, 1996 Heating Insurance Plan pilot program application is adjourned to an oral hearing that will commence on Monday, June 3, 1996 at a time and location to be determined by future Commission Order.

2. Intervenors and interested parties intending to make requests to PNG for additional information with respect to the Heating Insurance Plan application should do so by Monday, April 22, 1996. Information Requests made by April 22, 1996 shall be responded to by PNG on or before Friday, May 3, 1996.
3. Intervenors and interested parties intending to file written evidence must do so with the Commission and other intervenors by Friday, May 24, 1996.
4. PNG is directed to inform all registered intervenors and interested parties to the current PNG and PNG(N.E.) public hearing about the contents of this Order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10th day of April, 1996.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Lorna R. Barr  
Deputy Chairperson