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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-112-96

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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.  
for Approval of 1997 Revenue Requirement Application

**BEFORE:** M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson ) November 18, 1996

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On November 5, 1996 Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") filed with the Commission pursuant to Sections 64 and 106 of the Utilities Commission Act (the "Act") a Revenue Requirements Application ("the Application") to increase rates effective January 1, 1997; and
- B. The Commission, in its desire to deal efficiently with issues relating to the Application, requires that an initial timetable and a process for dealing with the issues be established.

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

1. The Commission will hold a Pre-Hearing Conference on PNG's Application, commencing at 8:30 a.m., on December 18, 1996 in the Commission Hearing Room, 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. The Pre-Hearing Conference will address procedural matters which will include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - scheduling;
  - completeness of the Application;
  - identification of principal issues;
  - process (workshops, information requests, settlement negotiations);
  - location(s) of the hearings; and

- other matters that will enable the hearing to efficiently cover and review all aspects of the Application.
2. PNG will publish, in display-ad format, the attached Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference in the business sections of The Vancouver Sun and The Province newspapers, and in local newspapers in its service area by November 22, 1996.
  2. Intervenors and Interested Parties who would like to receive a copy of the Application should immediately request a copy from PNG and inform the Commission, in writing, by December 6, 1996 of their intention to intervene and/or attend the Pre-Hearing Conference.
  3. PNG is to provide a copy of this Order, by facsimile if possible, to all 1995 Registered Intervenors and Interested Parties, as well as all Industrial Customers as soon as possible.
  4. Following the results of the Pre-Hearing Conference, the Commission will issue an Order outlining further steps and a regulatory timetable to be followed for the review of the Application.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 18th day of November, 1996.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard  
Chairperson

Attachment

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## **NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

### **PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS LTD. 1997 REVENUE REQUIREMENTS APPLICATION**

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 18, 1996  
**Location:** Commission Hearing Room  
6th Floor, 900 Howe St.  
Vancouver, B.C.

### **THE APPLICATION**

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") applied to the Commission on November 5, 1996 for review and approval of its 1997 Revenue Requirements ("the Application"), effective January 1, 1997.

### **THE REGULATORY PROCESS**

The Commission will hold a pre-hearing conference on Wednesday, December 18, 1996 to discuss procedural matters which will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- scheduling;
- completeness of the Application;
- identification of principal issues;
- process (workshops, information requests, settlement negotiations);
- location(s) of the hearings; and
- other matters that will enable the hearing to efficiently cover and review all aspects of the Application.

### **PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION**

The Application is available for inspection at the following locations:

#### **Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.**

Head Office: Suite 1400, 1185 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6E 4G6.

District Offices: Vanderhoof, Burns Lake, Houston, Smithers, Terrace, Kitimat and Prince Rupert, B.C.

An Executive Summary of the Application is available to Interested Parties upon request from PNG at no charge.

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 who would like to receive a copy of the Application should immediately request a copy from PNG and inform the Commission, in writing, by December 6, 1996 of their intention to intervene and/or attend the Pre-Hearing Conference.

**CLARIFICATION**

Persons intending to participate in the Pre-hearing Conference, and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, the Information Services Group, or Mr. Barry McKinlay, Manager - Rates and Finance, 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 Internet and the Government Electronic Mail System ("GEMS") at [bcuc@pop.gov.bc.ca](mailto:bcuc@pop.gov.bc.ca) .

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Robert J. Pellatt