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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
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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 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
for its Sardis Muster Station Upgrade Project

**BEFORE:** M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and )  
L.R. Barr Deputy Chairperson ) May 3, 1996

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

**WHEREAS:**


- A. Commission Order No. G-99-95, dated November 28, 1995, approved the terms of a Negotiated Settlement for the BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") 1996-98 Revenue Requirements application. The Settlement terms provided that certain capital projects would require Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") applications; and
- B. On March 13, 1996, pursuant to Order No. G-99-95, BC Gas applied to the Commission for a CPCN for approval of its Sardis Muster Station Upgrade Project ("the Application"); and
- C. On April 25, 1996, pursuant to Order No. G-99-95, BC Gas applied to the Commission for a CPCN in respect of three Lower Mainland muster stations including the Sardis upgrade project and projects at Richmond and Abbotsford ("the subsequent filing"); and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the costs, timing and justification contained in both the Application and the subsequent filing and has determined that approval of the Application but not the subsequent filing is necessary and in the public interest.

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

1. Pursuant to Section 51 of the Utilities Commission Act, a CPCN is granted to BC Gas to proceed with its Sardis Muster Station Upgrade Project in accordance with the Application.
2. BC Gas is expected to complete the project within the costs detailed in the Application and is to file a variance review of final project costs with the Commission before applying for inclusion of the project costs in rates.
3. BC Gas is to apply for a CPCN for the Richmond and Abbotsford projects at a future date when the final design and costs for these projects is available. Project justifications included in these future applications should address all alternatives including consolidation or elimination.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of May, 1996.

BY ORDER

  
Dr. Mark K. Jaccard  
Chairperson