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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-63-96

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

and

An Application by BC Gas Utility Ltd.
for Approval of 1996 Rate Design Application

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson) June 13, 1996

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 7, 1996 BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") filed with the Commission its 1996 Rate Design Application ("the Application") in accordance with its commitment to file such an application during the Negotiated Settlement of its 1996 to 1998 Revenue Requirement and Order No. G-99-95; 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 BC Gas' Application, commencing at 8:30 a.m., on June 27, 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. Intervenors and interested parties who would like to receive a copy of the Application should immediately request a copy from BC Gas and inform the Commission, in writing, by June 24, 1996 of their intention to intervene and/or attend the Pre-Hearing Conference.
3. Following the results of the Pre-Hearing Conference, the Commission will issue an Order outlining further steps and a regulatory timetable that will be followed in the review of the Application.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of June, 1996.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson