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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 Approval of a Standard Form Franchise Agreement with the Village of Salmo

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

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On April 16, 1996 BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas ") applied to the Commission for approval of a Standard Form Franchise Agreement ("the Agreement") dated October 10, 1995 with the Corporation of the Village of Salmo ("the Village") pursuant to Section 51 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- B. The Agreement replaces a 21- year Gas Franchise Agreement that expired June 5, 1995 between Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd. (a predecessor company to BC Gas ) and the Village; and
- C. Municipal By-law No. 414, 1995 approved the Agreement and received approval in principle, pursuant to Section 646(2) of the Municipal Act, from the Minister of Municipal Affairs on December 7, 1995; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Agreement and finds that approval is necessary and in the public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to Section 51(4) of the Act, the Commission approves the October 10, 1995 Agreement between BC Gas and the Village covering the primary term from June 6, 1995 to September 18, 2005, and continuing from year-to-year thereafter, but not longer than 21 years.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19th day of April, 1996.

BY ORDER

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard  
Chairperson