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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 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
for its Seismic Risk Assessment and Mitigation Program

**BEFORE:** M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and )  
L.R. Barr Deputy Chairperson ) March 7, 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 and the settlement terms provided that certain capital projects would require Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") applications; and
- B. On February 16 1996, pursuant to Order No. G-99-95, BC Gas applied to the Commission for a CPCN for approval of its 1996 Seismic Risk Assessment and Mitigation Program ("the Application"); and
- C. The Application involves a capital works program to be carried out on existing facilities within existing BC Gas pipeline rights-of-way or on company-owned property and therefore has limited third party impact; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the costs, timing and justification contained in the Application and has determined that approval 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 1996 Seismic Risk Assessment and Mitigation Program in accordance with the Application.
- 2. BC Gas is to file an accounting of final project costs for Commission review before applying for inclusion of the project costs in rates.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of March, 1996.

BY ORDER

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard  
Chairperson