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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 Pipeline Integrity Management Program

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
L.R. Barr Deputy Chairperson) February 15, 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 7, 1996, pursuant to Order No. G-99-95, BC Gas applied to the Commission for a CPCN for approval of its 1996 transmission pipeline integrity management project ("the Application"); and
- C. The Application involves a capital works program to be carried out on existing pipeline facilities within existing BC Gas pipeline rights-of-way 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 transmission pipeline assessment 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 16th day of February, 1996.

BY ORDER

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson