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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-129-96

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

and

An Application by Squamish Gas Co. Ltd.
Review of Utility Operations for Fiscal Periods August 6, 1991 to December 31, 1995

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson) December 19, 1996

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-56-96, directed Squamish Gas Co. Ltd. ("Squamish Gas") to file an application by August 31, 1996 covering utility operations for the fiscal periods August 6, 1991 to December 31, 1995 as required by the Ministry of Employment and Investment ("the Ministry") in its letter dated May 31, 1996; and
- B. Following Squamish Gas' August 30, 1996 filing of the Application, the Commission held a pre-hearing conference on October 9, 1996 and a pre-hearing workshop on October 24, 1996. On November 5, 1996 the Commission issued Order No. G-109-96 which set out a Regulatory Timetable including the scheduling of a negotiated settlement or Public Hearing to commence on January 14, 1997; and
- C. On December 13, 1996 Squamish Gas and the Ministry reported on the status of negotiations concerning the cost of service review for the period August 6, 1991 to December 31, 1995, and requested that the Commission delay the Regulatory Timetable as set out in Order No. G-109-96; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the applications by Squamish Gas and the Ministry and finds that an amended regulatory timetable is required.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission accepts the request by Squamish Gas and the Ministry to postpone the negotiated settlement and public hearing as set down in Order No. G-109-96. The timetable for intervenor information requests, utility responses and intervenor evidence as set out in Order No. G-109-96 is also postponed.
2. The deadline for Squamish Gas and the Ministry to report on the status of negotiations is rescheduled to February 21, 1997.
3. If the negotiations between Squamish Gas and the Ministry were to result in a settlement proposal, the proposal is to be filed with the Commission and circulated to all registered intervenors.
4. The timetable for a negotiated settlement or public hearing regarding this application as well as other actions will be set by way of a future Commission Order.
5. Squamish Gas is to inform all participants to the proceeding the postponements approved by this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of December, 1996.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson