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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

An Application for Participant Assistance Cost Award by an Intervenor
into the Commission's Review of Hedging Gains Recorded by Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
and
Order No. G-103-96 - Participant Assistance Cost Awards

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
and Acting Chair) July 2, 1997
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission by Order No. G-43-92 issued its Decision into Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.'s ("PNG") 1996/97 Hedging Gains with respect to its 1997 Revenue Requirements; and
- B. The B.C. Public Interest Advocacy Centre ("PIAC") was a registered intervenor into the matter and provided the Commission with its statement dated April 3, 1997; and
- C. On May 8, 1997 PIAC filed a cost statement with the Commission and requested that it be reimbursed; and
- D. The Commission discussed the participant cost assistance claim having regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order No. G-103-96; and
- E. The Commission has determined that PIAC's costs associated with its preparation and participation in this matter requires reimbursement in accordance with approved guidelines.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission orders that PNG reimburse PIAC in the total amount of \$1,360.67 as a cost award relating to this PNG proceeding.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of July, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair and
Acting Chair