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UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

and

An Application by BC Gas Utility Ltd.
for Approval of 1997/98 Gas Supply Contract Prices

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
and Acting Chair) November 12, 1997
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 27, 1997 BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") applied to the Commission for approval of an August 15, 1997 Letter Agreement (the "Off-Line Gas Purchase Agreement") with CanWest Gas Supply Inc. ("CanWest") that establishes prices for the 1997/98 gas contract year for the Fort Nelson service area; and
- B. The Off-Line Gas Purchase Agreement is used by CanWest to meet the Fort Nelson service area gas supply requirements; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that approval is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders that the August 15, 1997 Letter Agreement with CanWest, establishing prices for the supply of $100 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^3/\text{day}$ (3,745 GJ/day) under the October 28, 1996 Gas Supply Contract for the 1997/98 gas contract year, is approved pursuant to Section 71 of the Utilities Commission Act. The approval is subject to the timely filing of the fully executed Agreement.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 2nd day of December, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair
and Acting Chair