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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-96-97

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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 Market-Based Commodity Prices for Industrial Rate Schedules

BEFORE: K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner) September 4, 1997

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 27, 1997 BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") applied to the Commission for approval of fixed and indexed market-based commodity pricing for Rate Schedule 7 - General Interruptible Service and of index-based commodity pricing for Rate Schedule 10 - Large Volume Interruptible Sales for the gas contract year commencing November 1, 1997; and
- B. The filed indexed pricing is based on the Sumas Monthly Index for deliveries to Northwest Pipeline Corporation, as published in Inside FERC's Gas Market Report; and
- C. The Commission has considered the application and is satisfied that the pricing amendments to Industrial Gas Sales Tariffs for the 1997/98 gas contract year are necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for BC Gas, market-based commodity pricing for Interruptible Service - Rate Schedules 7 and 10 commencing November 1, 1997 as filed in the August 27, 1997 BC Gas application as follows:

<u>Rate Category</u>	<u>Winter (Nov. 1 - Mar. 31)</u>	<u>Summer (Apr. 1 - Oct. 31)</u>
Schedule 7, fixed	\$2.40/GJ	\$1.70/GJ
Schedule 7, index	Sumas Index - 5%	Sumas Index
Schedule 10, fixed	not available	not available
Schedule 10, indexed	Sumas Index - 5%	Sumas Index

- 2. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing by BC Gas, Gas Tariff Rate Schedules in accordance with this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of September, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Kenneth L. Hall
Commissioner