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BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION	
ORDER NUMBER	G-136-97

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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 Changes to Revelstoke Propane Reference Prices for 1998

BEFORE: K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner) December 18, 1997

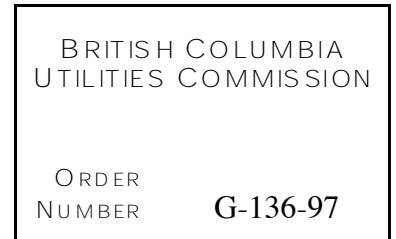
O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-94-97, approved for BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") an increase in the reference price in the Revelstoke Propane Cost Deferral Account ("the Deferral Account") to \$0.168/litre effective September 1, 1997; and
- B. During the period September to December 1997, the actual price of bulk propane declined resulting in a faster amortization of the Deferral Account which is now expected to be less than the approved 5-year amortization period; and
- C. On December 16, 1997, BC Gas applied to the Commission for approval to pass-through a decrease of \$0.142/GJ in the cost of propane resulting in a decrease in the Deferral Account reference price from \$0.1681/litre to \$0.1646/litre; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that approval to pass-through a decrease in the reference price of the Propane Cost Deferral Account is appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission, pursuant to Section 61(4) of the Utilities Commission Act, approves for BC Gas its application to pass-through a decrease in the reference price of the Propane Cost Deferral Account from \$0.1681/litre to \$0.1646/litre effective January 1, 1998. The decrease will be combined with the gas tariff changes approved by Commission Order No. G-128-97.



2. BC Gas is to prepare a notice informing customers of the change in the Reference Price and of the Propane Cost Deferral Account and other rate changes resulting from Order No. G-128-97.
3. BC Gas is to file amended Gas Tariff Rate Schedules in accordance with the Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of December, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Kenneth L. Hall
Commissioner