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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-10-98

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

and

An Application by Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.
for Approval of Rate Changes for
Tumbler Ridge Division effective January 1, 1998

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) January 15, 1998
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 29, 1997, Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. ["PNG(N.E.)"] applied to the Commission for approval to pass-through certain costs related to the increased cost of gas, a reduced return on equity for 1998 and to amortize the 1997 accumulated gas supply cost deferral account balance, on a permanent basis effective January 1, 1998, for the Tumbler Ridge Division; and
- B. The new Gas Tariff rates resulted from the following Commission approvals:
- Order No. E-17-97 approved gas supply contracts for the 1997/98 gas contract year;
 - Letter No. L-73-97, dated December 2, 1997, approved an allowed Return on Equity of 10.75 percent for 1998;
- C. On January 12, 1998, PNG(N.E.) amended its December 29, 1997 submission with amendments to its application for rate changes effective January 1, 1998; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Application and is satisfied that approval of the rate changes identified are necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Changes to PNG(N.E.)'s Gas Tariff Rate Schedules, to reflect the rate changes contained in the December 29, 1997 application, as amended January 12, 1998, are approved for the Tumbler Ridge Division on a permanent basis effective January 1, 1998.
2. PNG(N.E.), by way of Customer Notice, is to provide all affected customers with an explanation of the January 1, 1998 rate changes.
3. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing, amended Gas Tariff Rate Schedules in accordance with the terms of this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of January, 1998.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair