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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-82-98

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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: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner) September 17, 1998
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 8, 1998, 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, 1998; and
- B. The filed Rate Schedule 10 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 converted to Canadian dollars; and
- C. The filed Rate Schedule 7 indexed pricing is based on the Sumas Monthly Index or, alternatively, on Gas Daily's Daily Price Survey for deliveries to Northwest Pipeline Corporation at Sumas and converted to Canadian dollars; and
- D. BC Gas proposes to recalculate the Rate Schedule 7 fixed prices weekly through October 13, 1998, based on market price information for the previous five business days; and
- E. The Commission has considered the application and is satisfied that the pricing amendments to the Industrial Gas Sales Tariffs for the 1998/99 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, 1998, as filed in the September 8, 1998 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	\$2.95/GJ	\$2.42/GJ
Schedule 7, indexed	Sumas Index - 5% or Sumas Daily Index	Sumas Index or Sumas Daily Index
Schedule 10, fixed	not available	not available
Schedule 10, indexed	Sumas Index - 5%	Sumas Index

2. The Commission approves for BC Gas the proposal to recalculate and publish revised Rate Schedule 7 fixed prices for 1998/99 weekly through October 13, 1998, based on market price information for the previous five business days.
3. 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 23rd day of September, 1998.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair