



BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-23-99

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

and

The 1998 Application by BC Gas Utility Ltd.
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
regarding its Southern Crossing Pipeline Project

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) February 24, 1999
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Commission Order No. G-21-99 dated February 22, 1999, established the regulatory timetable for a limited oral public hearing commencing March 29, 1999, with respect to an application by BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") dated December 11, 1998, for the Southern Crossing Pipeline ("SCP") Project; and
- B. On February 23, 1999, Westcoast Energy Inc. requested, due in part to its participation in a National Energy Board hearing, that the date by which parties may file additional written evidence in the proceeding established by Order No. G-21-99, be extended from Wednesday, March 3, 1999 to Monday, March 8, 1999; and
- C. On February 24, 1999, Northwest Pipeline Corporation requested an extension of the date for filing additional written evidence to Monday, March 8, 1999; and
- D. On February 24, 1999, BC Gas requested that the date for filing additional written evidence be extended to Friday, March 5, 1999; and
- E. The Commission has considered the requests and has determined that an extension of the date for the filing of additional written evidence, and changes to certain other dates in the timetable, without a change to the March 29, 1999 commencement date for the public hearing, are in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The timetable leading to the oral public hearing established by Order No. G-21-99, is amended by extending the date for filing additional written evidence, and a submission by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority on the benefits and costs to its customers of the Peaking Gas Purchase Agreement and the Firm Tendered Transmission Service Agreement, to Friday, March 5, 1999.
2. The date for filing Information Requests is extended to Monday, March 15, 1999.
3. A revised timetable, attached as Appendix A, summarizes the amended key dates in the public review process.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of February, 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair

Attachment

REVISED

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

BC Gas Utility Ltd.

The 1998 Application for the Southern Crossing Pipeline (“SCP”) Project

ACTION	DATE (1999)
Filing of additional evidence regarding changes since the April 3, 1998 Decision to the net benefits of the SCP and alternative proposals.	Friday, March 5
Filing by B.C. Hydro on the benefits and costs to its customers of the Peaking Gas Purchase and Firm Tendered Transportation Service Agreements with BC Gas.	Friday, March 5
Filing of Information Requests regarding the 1998 BC Gas Application and other related materials filed pursuant to Orders No. G-121-98 and G-21-99 that relate to changed net benefits.	Monday, March 15
Filing of Responses to Information Requests.	Monday, March 22
Public Hearing begins.	Monday, March 29