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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-75-98

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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 to Decrease Revelstoke Propane Rates and Reference Price for 1998 and 1999

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) August 28, 1998

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-136-97, approved for BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") a decrease in the reference price in the Revelstoke Propane Cost Deferral Account ("the Deferral Account") to \$0.1646/litre, effective January 1, 1998; and
- B. During the period January to August 1998, the actual price of bulk propane declined more than expected resulting in a faster amortization of the Deferral Account. BC Gas reviewed the 1998/99 propane cost forecast with the City of Revelstoke and described the rate impacts of amortizing the Deferral Account over one to four years. On August 13, 1998, the City of Revelstoke confirmed that it was now appropriate to eliminate the Deferral Account over a one-year period; and
- C. On August 25, 1998, BC Gas applied to the Commission for approval to pass-through a decrease of \$0.259/GJ in the cost of propane resulting in a decrease in the Deferral Account reference price from \$0.1646/litre to \$0.1582/litre, effective September 1, 1998; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that approval to pass-through a decrease in the reference price of propane and to amortize the Deferral Account over one year 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 of \$0.259/GJ in customer rates and a decrease in the reference price of the Deferral Account from \$0.1646/litre to \$0.1582/litre, effective September 1, 1998.

2. BC Gas is to prepare a notice informing customers of the change in the reference price and of the expected amortization of the Deferral Account in one year's time.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of September, 1998.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair