



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

and

An Application by Sun Rivers Services Corp.
for Approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for a Gas Distribution Utility

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner) November 25, 1999
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner)

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 26, 1999, by Order No. C-5-99, the Commission granted Sun Rivers Services Corp. ("Sun Rivers") a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to construct and operate an electric distribution utility on Kamloops Indian Band Land, Lot 152, CLSR Plan 78619 Kamloops I.R. No. 1; and
- B. On September 30, 1999, Sun Rivers applied to the Commission for a CPCN to construct and operate a natural gas distribution utility on the same land; and
- C. Sun Rivers has provided the Commission with the Master Development and Servicing Agreement (including schedules and attachments) that Sun Rivers Development Corp., an affiliate of Sun Rivers, has entered into with the Kamloops Indian Band to supply utility services; and
- D. Sun Rivers has provided additional rationale and explanations for the advantages of having Sun Rivers construct and operate the gas distribution utility; and
- E. Sun Rivers has agreed that it will serve its customers under similar terms and conditions and at rates that are not greater than the approved rates that would apply to similar BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") customers; and
- F. BC Gas has indicated to Sun Rivers that it will supply gas to Sun Rivers under a Rate Schedule or Tariff Supplement; and
- G. The Commission has reviewed the application and the supporting documentation received to date and has determined that the construction and operation of a gas distribution utility by Sun Rivers is necessary and properly conserves the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Section 45 of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission orders as follows:

1. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to Sun Rivers for the construction and operation of a gas distribution utility on Lot 152, CLSR Plan 78619 Kamloops I.R. No. 1, a description of which is attached to this Order as Appendix A.
2. Sun Rivers will construct, operate and maintain the gas distribution facilities to the standards of BC Gas or other standards approved by the Commission.
3. Before Sun Rivers puts the gas distribution system into service, Sun Rivers will furnish the Commission with the approval of the Provincial Gas Inspector for the facilities.
4. Sun Rivers will file its gas supply agreement in a timely fashion.
5. Sun Rivers will file a report describing its emergency response plan by December 31, 1999.
6. Sun Rivers will file Annual Reports, which summarize separately the results of the utility's electric and gas operations, in a form to be developed in consultation with Commission staff.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 1st day of December 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair

Attachment

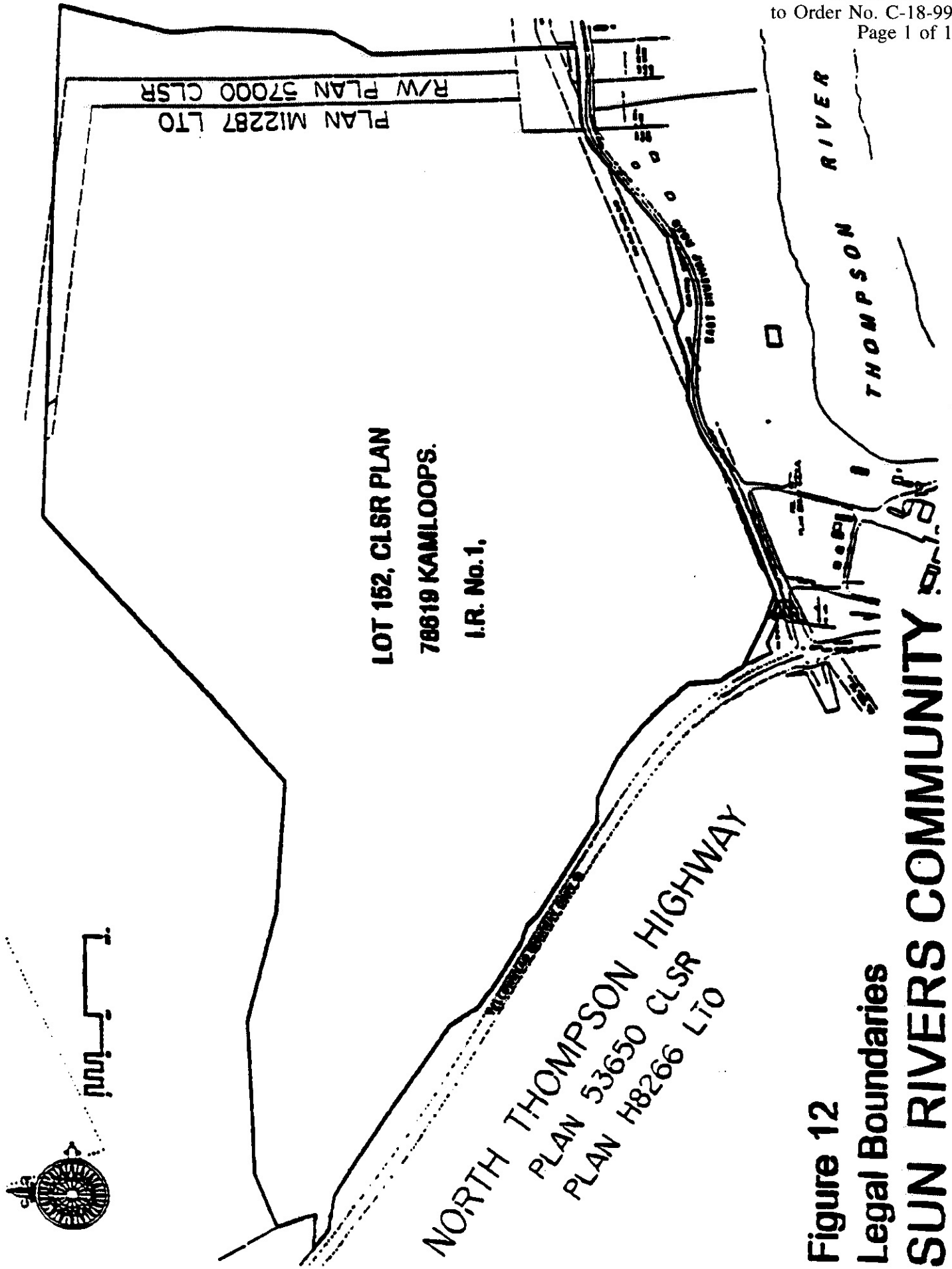


Figure 12
Legal Boundaries
SUN RIVERS COMMUNITY