



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 ) March 16, 1999  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On December 11, 1998, BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") applied to the Commission pursuant to Section 45 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the Southern Crossing Pipeline ("SCP") Project; and
- B. By letter dated January 8, 1999, BC Gas filed copies of Peaking Gas Purchase Agreements with British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") and PG&E Energy Trading, Canada Corporation ("PG&E Energy Trading") dated November 27 and November 30, 1998, respectively, and requested that specific terms on pricing and supply arrangements be kept confidential on the basis that disclosure could adversely affect the price or supply of gas to BC Gas and its customers in the future; and
- C. In its February 11, 1999 submission, Westcoast Energy Inc. ("Westcoast") requested that the Commission direct BC Gas to fully disclose the premiums in the Peaking Gas Purchase Agreements and the "Specified Maximum" in the CTS Support Agreement; and
- D. Commission Order No. G-21-99 dated February 22, 1999 provided that BC Gas would, and other parties could, file submissions by March 3, 1999 regarding the Westcoast request for disclosure of the premiums in the Peaking Gas Purchase Agreements. Westcoast had until March 12, 1999 to reply; and
- E. BC Gas, B.C. Hydro and PG&E Energy Trading filed submissions dated March 3, 1999 with the Commission pursuant to Order No. G-21-99; and

F. The Westcoast submission dated March 12, 1999, in reply to the March 3, 1999 submissions of B.C. Hydro and PG&E Energy Trading, states that Westcoast has not received any submission from BC Gas on the matter.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

Commission Order No. G-21-99 is amended, by changing to Monday, March 22, 1999, the date by which Westcoast may file a written reply on the request for disclosure of the undisclosed premiums in the Peaking Gas Purchase Agreements.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1999.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair