



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 serve the Greater Vancouver Regional District under Rate Schedule 5

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair )  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner ) March 18, 1999  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner )  
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On December 21, 1998, BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") filed with the Commission an application to serve the Greater Vancouver Regional District ("GVRD") under Rate Schedule 5, instead of Rate Schedule 3, and to implement a Tariff Supplement to the GVRD Rate Schedule 5 which will adequately recover the cost of service; and
- B. The Commission canvassed the GVRD for its response to this Application; and
- C. The Commission received initial responses from the GVRD on January 22 and February 3, 1999, indicating that it did not support the Application; and
- D. On February 5, 1999, Commission staff received a response to Information Requests from BC Gas regarding the Application which staff had previously issued; and
- E. On February 26, 1999, Commission staff met with BC Gas and the GVRD to gather more information; and
- F. On March 12, 1999, the Commission received a letter from the GVRD requesting that the Commission allow the GVRD time to present a written offer to BC Gas before making a final determination; and

G. The March 12, 1999 letter also indicated that the GVRD would not oppose the Commission making an Order approving the BC Gas application on an interim basis; and

H. The Commission met to discuss the Application and the responses from the GVRD.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission approves for BC Gas its December 21, 1998 application on an interim basis effective April 1, 1999.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1999.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair