



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

and

BC Gas Utility Ltd. – 1999 Annual Review

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) October 7, 1999
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Commission Order No. G-85-97, approved the terms of the BC Gas Utility Ltd. (“BC Gas”) July 4, 1997 Settlement Agreement, as revised by its Consolidated Settlement Document, setting up a rate adjustment mechanism for a three-year test period beginning January 1, 1998; and
- B. The terms of the Settlement Agreement require:

“BC Gas will conduct an Annual Review of the operation of the settlement and rate adjustments prior to January 1 of each year of the Term with the Commission, its staff and interested parties. The Annual Review is a “proceeding” for purposes of participant cost awards. This process will provide the Commission and all interested parties an opportunity to remain informed about the activities of the Company. The Annual Review will attempt to obtain consensus on issues which must be decided by the Commission in advance of each fiscal year for the matters related to setting the rates for each year of the Term.”

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission will hold an Annual Review of BC Gas’ 2000 Revenue Requirements material on November 19, 1999, commencing at 9:00 a.m., at BC Gas, Thurlow Room, Main Floor, 1111 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C.

2. No later than three weeks prior to this Annual Review, BC Gas is to provide interested parties and the Commission with advance information regarding the projections and forecasts to be presented by BC Gas. BC Gas is to provide copies of this Preliminary 2000 Revenue Requirements material to all parties who participated in the 1997 Alternative Dispute Resolution process and those who attended the 1998 Annual Review.
3. Those persons wishing to participate in the Annual Review are to advise the Commission Secretary of their intention to do so, in writing, no later than Monday, November 1, 1999.
4. Participants in the Annual Review requesting additional information from BC Gas should do so as soon as possible after receipt of the material and BC Gas is directed to use its best efforts to respond in a timely manner.
5. BC Gas will arrange for publication of the Notice of Annual Review in local newspapers in its service area so as to provide adequate public notice to customers.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of October 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair

Attachment

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BC GAS UTILITY LTD.

Notice of Annual Review for the 2000 Revenue Requirements

Under the terms of the BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") 1998-2000 Settlement Agreement, BC Gas will conduct an Annual Review of the operation of the settlement and rate adjustments prior to January 1 of each year of the three-year Term with the B.C. Utilities Commission, its staff and interested parties. The Annual Review is a "proceeding" for purposes of participant cost awards. This process will provide the Commission and all interested parties with an opportunity to remain informed about the activities of BC Gas.

The Commission will hold the Annual Review of BC Gas' 2000 Revenue Requirements material on Friday, November 19, 1999, commencing at 9:00 a.m., at BC Gas' Thurlow Room, Main Floor, 1111 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C. The Annual Review will attempt to obtain consensus on issues which must be decided by the Commission related to setting the rates for the year 2000.

Those persons wishing to participate in the Annual Review are to advise Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary of their intention to do so, by email to commission.secretary@bcuc.com, or in writing to Box 250, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3, no later than Monday, November 1, 1999.