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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 of a Bypass Transportation Agreement with British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair

L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) February 18, 1999

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 13, 1999, BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") applied for Commission approval of a Bypass Transportation Agreement with British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") dated November 27, 1998; and
- B. In a letter dated January 13, 1999, B.C. Hydro filed a CTS Support Agreement, made November 27, 1998, among B.C. Hydro, BC Gas and BC Gas Inc., and requested that the "Specified Maximum" as defined in the CTS Support Agreement be kept confidential on the basis that disclosure could adversely affect its position and that of its customers; and
- C. In its February 11, 1999 submission regarding BC Gas' December 11, 1998 Southern Crossing Pipeline Application, Westcoast Energy Inc. ("Westcoast") requested that the Commission direct BC Gas to fully disclose the "Specified Maximum" in the CTS Support Agreement; and
- D. The Commission has considered Westcoast's request for disclosure of the "Specified Maximum" in the CTS Support Agreement and has determined that it will receive written submissions on the matter.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. B.C. Hydro is directed to file, by Wednesday, March 3, 1999, a written submission providing reasons in support of its request for confidentiality of the "Specified Maximum" in the CTS Support Agreement. Other parties may also file written submissions on the Westcoast request for disclosure of this information by Wednesday, March 3, 1999.
- 2. Westcoast may file a written reply on the disclosure request by Friday, March 12, 1999.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of February, 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard Chair