



BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-32-00

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

and

An Application by Squamish Gas Co. Ltd.  
for Approval to Increase Propane Rates

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair )  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner ) March 23, 2000  
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner )  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner )  
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On March 21, 2000, Squamish Gas Co. Ltd. ("Squamish Gas") applied to the Commission to increase rates to its bottled propane customers as a result of higher liquid propane prices paid to its supplier and to draw down the debit balance in the Propane Cost Deferral Account; and
- B. The Squamish Gas application requested an increase of \$0.322/Ccf and an increase in the Propane Cost Deferral Account reference price from \$0.1795/litre to \$0.2095/litre, effective April 1, 2000; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that approval to increase propane rates is required.

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

- 1. Pursuant to Section 61 of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission approves for Squamish Gas an increase in propane rates of \$0.322/Ccf to all propane customers, effective April 1, 2000. The reference price of the Propane Cost Deferral Account is to be set at \$0.2095/litre, effective April 1, 2000.
- 2. Squamish Gas is to file, in a timely manner, an amended Gas Tariff rate schedule in accordance with this Order.
- 3. The difference between the actual cost of propane and the cost recovered in rates is to be recorded in the Propane Cost Deferral Account.
- 4. Squamish Gas is to inform all affected customers of the propane rate increase.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2000.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Lorna R. Barr  
Deputy Chair