



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

and

BC Gas Utility Ltd. – 2000 Annual Review

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair ) October 5, 2000  
K.L. Hall, 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 to:

"... 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."; and

C. Commission Order No. G-48-00 extended the 1998-2000 Performance Based Rate Settlement to determine BC Gas' Revenue Requirements for 2001.

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

1. The Commission will hold an Annual Review of BC Gas' 2001 Revenue Requirements material on Tuesday, November 21, 2000, commencing at 9:00 a.m., at the BC Gas Georgia Room, Main Floor, 1111 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C.

2. No later than Tuesday, October 31, 2000, 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 2001 Revenue Requirements material to all parties who participated in the 1997 Alternative Dispute Resolution process, and those who attended the 1999 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 6, 2000.
4. Participants in the Annual Review requesting additional information from BC Gas should do so as soon as possible after receipt of the Preliminary 2001 Revenue Requirements 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 attached 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 *sixth* day of October 2000.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair

Attachment

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## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL REVIEW BC GAS UTILITY LTD. - 2001 REVENUE REQUIREMENTS**

Under the terms of the BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") 1998-2000 Settlement Agreement, BC Gas conducts an Annual Review of the operation of the settlement and rate adjustments with the B.C. Utilities Commission, its staff and interested parties. Commission Order No. G-48-00 extended this process to determine the BC Gas Revenue Requirements for 2001. This process will provide the Commission and interested parties with an opportunity to remain informed about the activities of BC Gas.

The Commission will hold the Annual Review of BC Gas' 2001 Revenue Requirements material on Tuesday, November 21, 2000, commencing at 9:00 a.m., in the BC Gas Georgia Room, Main Floor, 1111 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C. The Annual Review will attempt to obtain consensus on issues related to setting rates for the year 2001, which must be decided by the Commission.

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 6, 2000 as follows:

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