



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

and

An Application by Port Alice Gas Inc.  
for Approval of 2000 Revenue Requirements

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair )  
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner ) February 17, 2000  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On February 9, 2000, Port Alice Gas Inc. ("Port Alice Gas") filed a 2000 Revenue Requirements Application ("the Application"), pursuant to Sections 58 and 89 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), for approval to increase rates on an interim and final basis effective January 23, 2000; and
- B. The Application proposed to increase rates to all customers to recover a cost of service revenue deficiency that excludes the cost of gas for the 1999/2000 fiscal year ending October 31, 2000; and
- C. The Application also requested approval, effective January 23, 2000, of an unbundling of Port Alice Gas' propane rate to show the cost of propane per gigajoule as a separate item from the total cost of service per gigajoule; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that an interim rate increase is required.

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

- 1. The Commission approves for Port Alice Gas an interim rate increase, effective January 23, 2000, subject to refund with interest, in order to recover the projected cost of service revenue deficiency of \$31,882 identified in the Application.
- 2. The Commission approves the proposed unbundling of the propane rate as requested in the Application.

3. Port Alice Gas is to provide the Commission with a draft copy of the customer notice informing all affected customers of the interim rate increase and proposed unbundling in advance of publication.
4. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing by Port Alice Gas, amended Gas Tariff Rate Schedules in accordance with this Order.
5. The regulatory process for the review of this Application will be addressed in a future Commission Order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 2000.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair