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December 20, 2001

Mr. C.P. Donohue Director, Regulatory Affairs & Gas Supply Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. 1400 - 1185 West Georgia Street Vancouver, B.C. V6E 4E6

Dear Mr. Donohue:

Re: Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.

Application for Approval of Long-Term Loan

The Commission has reviewed your December 12, 2001 Application for approval to obtain a long-term loan of \$4.5 million from Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and has determined that it should be referred over to the proceeding on PNG (N.E.)'s 2002 Rate Application, established by Commission Order No. G-132-01. PNG (N.E.) should provide copies of its December 12, 2001 Application to all registered intervenors.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

Robert J. Pellatt

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