



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

and

A Request by BC Gas Utility Ltd.
for Approval to Record Additional Requirements Definition Phase Costs of
the Agency, Billing and Collections Transportation Project in a Deferral Account

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) September 6, 2001
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-46-01, approved for BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") a deferral account to record external information technology consulting services costs for the Requirements Definition Phase of the Agency, Billing and Collection Transportation ("ABC-T") project up to \$335,000; and
- B. On August 10, 2001, BC Gas provided the Commission with a report on the consulting services costs for the ABC-T project and requested approval to increase the deferral account for this phase of the project by \$83,000. The maximum deferral account amount spent by September 30, 2001 will be \$418,000; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that an increase in costs related to the Requirements Definition Phase of the ABC-T project should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves for BC Gas an increase in the deferral account to record an additional \$83,000 of external information technology consulting services costs for the Requirements Definition Phase of the ABC-T project. Future deferral account funding will be dependent on a number of factors such as proposed legislative changes to the Utilities Commission Act.

2. BC Gas is to provide the Commission with a report on final accounting of costs for deferral account treatment following the completion of the Requirements Definition Phase of the ABC-T project. The eligibility of the costs for recovery in customer rates and the disposition of the deferral account balance will be determined by way of a future Commission Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of September 2001.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Barbara L. Clemenhagen
Commissioner