



BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

An Application by Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.
Tumbler Ridge Division
to Refund the Over-Recovery of 2001 Revenue Requirements

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
R.D. Deane, Commissioner) April 11, 2002
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-72-01 and Reasons for Decision, approved for Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. ("PNG(N.E.)") its 2001 Revenue Requirements. Included in the PNG(N.E.) application were cost increases and margin calculations for Quintette Mines Limited ("Quintette") related to the closure of its Tumbler Ridge coal mine; and
- B. On April 5, 2002, PNG(N.E.) applied to the Commission for approval to refund to Tumbler Ridge customers, the excess revenue collected in 2001 related to the positive impact of the take-or-pay provisions in the Quintette contract for gas supply. The margin received from Quintette exceeded the forecast for rate-making purposes contained in the 2001 Revenue Requirements Application by \$217,411; and
- C. PNG(N.E.) proposed to make a lump sum refund of the over-recovered Quintette margin to all Tumbler Ridge customers based on the actual 2001 deliveries to each customer; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that the method of refunding the over-recovery to PNG(N.E.) Tumbler Ridge Division customers is appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves PNG(N.E.)'s application to provide a lump sum refund of the excess margin received from Quintette to all customer classifications based on the actual deliveries to each customer in 2001.
- 2. PNG(N.E.) is to advise all affected customers of the lump sum refund by way of an appropriate bill message.
- 3. PNG(N.E.) is to provide the Commission with a report on the results of the refund by July 31, 2002.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of April 2002.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair