



ORDER NUMBER
G-139-19

IN THE MATTER OF
the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
Application for Approval of Franchise Agreements Renewed by Notice of Renewal
Issued in Fall 2010 and Spring 2011

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair
T. A. Loski, Commissioner

on June 24, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 19, 2019, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of franchise agreements renewed by notice of renewal in 2010 and 2011, between PNG and the District of Port Edward; the Town of Smithers; the District of Kitimat; the Village of Burns Lake; the District of Houston; the City of Terrace; and the District of Vanderhoof (the Municipalities) (Application);
- B. The original agreements between PNG and the Municipalities were accepted by the BCUC through Orders C-3-89 and C5-90 through C-10-90 and expired between 2010 and 2011;
- C. PNG sent notice of renewal to each of the seven Municipalities in between Fall 2010 and Spring 2011, but did not seek BCUC approval of the renewal notices at that time; and
- D. The Panel has reviewed the Application and considers that a public hearing process is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE under section 23(1)(g) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A public hearing process and a regulatory timetable is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. PNG is directed to publish, no later than Friday, July 12, 2019, on their website and in display-ad format, the Public Notice attached as Appendix B to this order. Publication should be in such appropriate news publications as may properly provide adequate notice to PNG customers in the Municipalities.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of June 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
PNG Notice to customers in the affected Municipalities	Friday, July 12
Intervener registration and deadline for letters of comment	Friday, July 26
Further Process	To be determined



PUBLIC NOTICE

FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES AND PNG

On February 19, 2019, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of franchise agreements with the District of Port Edward; the Town of Smithers; the District of Kitimat; the Village of Burns Lake; the District of Houston; the City of Terrace; and the District of Vanderhoof. The franchise agreements outline the terms of administering and operating gas distribution facilities within the various municipalities.

More information on the application can be found at bcuc.com on our “Current Proceedings” page, a hard copy of the application is also available for review at the BCUC’s office and PNG’s head office.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- 💡 **Submit a letter of comment**
- 💡 **Register as an intervener**

IMPORTANT DATES

- 💡 **July 26, 2019** – Deadline to register as an intervener or file a letter of comment with the BCUC.

For more information on how to participate, please visit our website (www.bcuc.com/get-involved) or contact us at the information below.

All submissions will be added to the public record and posted on the BCUC’s website.

GET MORE INFORMATION

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