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### ORDER NUMBER G-169-19

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

and

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.

Application Regarding Process for Allocation of Reactivated Capacity and Approval of Large Volume Industrial Transportation Rate

#### **BEFORE:**

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair C. M. Brewer, Commissioner M. Kresivo, QC, Commissioner

on July 29, 2019

#### **ORDER**

#### WHEREAS:

- A. On June 28, 2019, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) regarding the Process for Allocation of Reactivated Capacity (RECAP) and approval of a Large Volume Industrial Transportation Rate (RS 80) (Application);
- B. In the Application, PNG requests the following approvals:
  - 1. Approval of RS 80 and the related General Terms and Conditions, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA);
  - 2. Approval of the draft form of the Transportation Service Agreement (TSA) for customers seeking Large Volume Industrial Transportation Service, pursuant to section 58 of the UCA;
  - 3. Approval of the draft form of the Transportation Reservation Agreement (TRA) for customers seeking to reserve capacity as a Large Volume Industrial Transportation customer, pursuant to section 58 of the UCA;
  - 4. Approval of the creation of a new interest-bearing deferral account, the Large Volume Industrial Deferral Account (LVIDA), to record revenues from RS 80 including the base toll charges and premium toll charges as per executed TSAs and reservation fees from the executed TRAs, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the UCA; and
  - 5. Approval for the creation of a new rate base deferral account to track development costs for the reactivation project estimated at \$1 million, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the UCA.
- C. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and considers that establishment of a written public hearing process and a regulatory timetable is warranted.

#### **NOW THEREFORE** the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A written public hearing process is established for the review of the Application, in accordance with the regulatory timetable set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. As soon as reasonably possible, PNG is directed to publish the Application, this order and the regulatory timetable on its website and to provide a copy of this order, electronically where possible, to all parties that registered as interveners in the PNG West 2018-2019 Revenue Requirements Application proceeding and all interested parties who have previously contacted PNG for transportation capacity and who are expected to participate in the RECAP.
- 3. In accordance with the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached as Appendix A to Order G-15-19, parties who wish to participate in the proceeding may submit a letter of comment, register as an interested party or request intervener status. Parties requesting intervener status must register with the BCUC by completing a Request to Intervene Form available on the BCUC's website by the date established in the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

**BY ORDER** 

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski Commissioner

Attachment

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## **REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

Action	Date (2019)
Intervener Registration	Thursday, August 15
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1	Thursday, August 29
Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, September 5
PNG Response to IRs No. 1	Thursday, September 19
Further process	To be determined