



ORDER NUMBER
G-266-19

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

and

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Construction of the Watson Island Customer Tie-In

BEFORE:

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

on October 31, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 5, 2019, pursuant to section 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) seeking approval for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to design and construct new natural gas service infrastructure, including a pipeline, a regulating station and meter site assets (collectively, the Watson Island Customer Tie-In [WICT] Project). The WICT Project is necessary to provide natural gas service to Pembina Pipeline Corporation (Pembina) for their proposed liquified petroleum gas export terminal to be constructed on Watson Island in Prince Rupert, British Columbia (Application);
- B. The Application also seeks approval under section 39 of the UCA to enter into a gas sales agreement with Pembina to provide natural gas service for an initial period of 20 years;
- C. PNG requests BCUC approval of its Application by no later than September 30, 2019 and encourages the BCUC to consider expediting its review of this submission;
- D. On September 24, 2019, the BCUC issued staff questions to PNG. PNG provided its responses on October 4, 2019;
- E. Section 56(2) of the UCA states that “[t]he commission must determine and, by order after a hearing, set proper and adequate rates of depreciation.”;
- F. By Order C-4-19 dated October 9, 2019, the BCUC granted a CPCN to PNG authorizing the construction of the WICT Project, approved the GSA between PNG and Pembina and established a written public hearing process and a regulatory timetable to review the appropriate depreciation rate of the WICT Project assets; and

G. The BCUC considers that an amendment to the regulatory timetable established by Order C-4-19 is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders that the Regulatory Timetable is amended as attached as Appendix A to this order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 31st day of October 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R.I. Mason
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE ON DEPRECIATION RATE

Action	Date (2019)
PNG to publish Public Notice	Tuesday, November 5
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to PNG	Thursday, November 7
PNG responses to BCUC IR No. 1	Thursday, November 21
Deadline on Letters of Comment regarding depreciation rates	Thursday, December 5
PNG Final Argument on depreciation rates	Thursday, December 12