



ORDER NUMBER
G-86-20

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

and

Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
to Implement Automated Meter Reading Infrastructure

BEFORE:

W. M. Everett, QC, Panel Chair
C. Brewer, Commissioner
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on April 9, 2020

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 25, 2020, Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. (PNG(NE)) filed an application (Application) to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, for approval of net capital expenditures of approximately \$4.2 million to implement Automated Meter Reading (AMR) Infrastructure in its service areas (the AMR Project); and
- B. The Panel has reviewed the Application and considers that a public hearing for the review of the Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A public hearing process is established for the review of the Application in accordance with the Regulatory Timetable, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. PNG(NE) shall provide an electronic copy of the Application and this order by no later than May 1, 2020 to all parties who participated in the PNG(NE) 2018–2019 Revenue Requirements Application proceeding or the PNG Application for Acceptance of 2019 Consolidated Resource Plan and for Acceptance of Energy Conservation and Innovation Portfolio Funding for 2020 to 2022 proceeding and any municipalities or districts who lie within PNG(NE)'s service territory.
- 3. PNG(NE) must publish notice of this Application on its website and social media platforms, on or before May 1, 2020. It must also publish weekly reminder notices on each platform until the conclusion of the intervenor registration period on May 22, 2020.

4. PNG(NE) must publish in print/display-ad format, on or before May 1, 2020, the Notice of Application attached as Appendix B to this order in such appropriate news publications as may properly provide adequate notice to the public in the affected service area.
5. Parties who wish to participate in the regulatory proceeding as interveners are to register with the BCUC by completing a [Request to Intervene Form](#), available on the BCUC's website under Get Involved, by May 22, 2020 as established in the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this order, and in accordance with the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached to Order G-15-19.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of April 2020.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

W. M. Everett, QC
Commissioner

Attachments

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2020)
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1	Thursday, April 30
PNG(NE) to provide public notice	Friday, May 1
PNG(NE) response to BCUC IR No. 1	Thursday, May 21
Intervener Registration Deadline	Friday, May 22
Submissions on further Process	Friday May 29
Further Process	To be Determined



We want to hear from you

PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS (N.E.) LTD. APPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT AUTOMATED METER READING INFRASTRUCTURE

On March 25, 2020, Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. filed its application for approval of capital expenditures to implement automated meter reading infrastructure (Application) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC). The Application consists of a project to update and replace the current manual meter reading process for residential and commercial customers with automated meter reading infrastructure in the northeastern BC communities it services, including Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Tumbler Ridge, and rural areas.

More information on the application can be found at www.bcuc.com on our “Current Proceedings” page.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- 💡 **Submit a letter of comment**
- 💡 **Register as an interested party**
- 💡 **Request intervener status**

IMPORTANT DATES

- 💡 **May 22** – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC

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

GET MORE INFORMATION

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