



**ORDER NUMBER  
G-122-20**

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

and

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.  
Application for Acceptance of  
2019 Consolidated Resource Plan and for Acceptance of  
Energy Conservation and Innovation Portfolio Funding for 2020 to 2022

**BEFORE:**

A. K. Fung, QC, Panel Chair  
C. Brewer, Commissioner  
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on May 22, 2020

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On October 31, 2019, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. (PNG(N.E.)) (collectively, PNG) filed for acceptance by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) the 2019 Consolidated Resource Plan and expenditure schedule for the Energy Conservation and Innovation (ECI) Portfolio for 2020 to 2022 (2020-2022 ECI Expenditure Schedule), pursuant to sections 44.1 and 44.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) (together, the Application);
- B. In the Application, PNG also seeks the following approvals:
  - 1. Flexibility in the reallocation of expenditures among Demand Side Management (DSM) programs and between program years, subject to the total amount not exceeding the total amount of \$2,278,000, as per the 2020-2022 ECI Expenditure Schedule; and
  - 2. Approval to record all DSM expenditures in a rate base regulatory asset deferral account, and to retain the 5-year amortization period for DSM expenditures approved by BCUC Order G-121-19;
- C. By Orders G-322-19 and G-24-20, the BCUC established a public hearing process and a regulatory timetable for review of the Application, which consisted of intervener registration, BCUC and intervener information requests (IRs), PNG responses to IRs and submissions on further process;
- D. By January 17, 2020, British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOAPO) and British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) registered as interveners;
- E. On March 16, 2020, the BCUC received submissions on further process from PNG, BCOAPO and BCSEA, all in support of proceeding to final argument;

- F. By Order G-72-20, dated March 31, 2020, the BCUC amended the Regulatory Timetable to include a second round of IRs and further process to be determined;
- G. On May 12, 2020, PNG filed responses to BCUC, BCOAPO and BCSEA IR No.2; and
- H. The Panel has reviewed the evidence and submissions and considers an amendment to the Regulatory Timetable is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** the BCUC orders that the Regulatory Timetable established by Order G-72-20 is amended, as set out in Appendix A to this order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this                      22nd                      day of May 2020.

BY ORDER

*Original Signed By:*

A. K. Fung, QC  
Commissioner

Attachment

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**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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Action	Date (2020)
PNG Written Final Argument	Thursday, June 11
Intervener Written Final Arguments	Thursday, June 25
PNG Written Reply Argument	Thursday, July 2