



**ORDER NUMBER  
G-126-20**

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 May 28, 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);
- B. On April 9, 2020, by Order G-86-20, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the initial review of the Application, which provided for, among other things, provision of public notice, a round of BCUC Information Requests (IR), PNG(NE) responses to IRs, and intervener registration.
- C. On May 26, 2020, PNG(NE) filed a letter, Exhibit B-5, to the BCUC stating PNG(NE) was not compliant with Directive 2 of Order G-86-20, to provide a copy of the Application to local municipalities and to interveners in the two most recent PNG(NE) proceedings.
- D. The Panel has reviewed the Application and PNG(NE)'s submission and considers an amendment to the Regulatory Timetable is warranted.

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

- 1. An amended regulatory timetable is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. PNG(NE) shall provide an electronic copy of the Application and this order no later than May 29, 2020 to all parties who participated in the PNG(NE) 2018–2019 Revenue Requirements Application proceeding or the

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. 2019 Consolidated Resource Plan proceeding, and any municipalities or districts who are within PNG(NE)'s service territory.

3. PNG(NE) must continue to publish weekly reminder notices on its website and social media platforms until the conclusion of the intervener registration period on June 11, 2020.
4. 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 June 11, 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                      28th                      day of May 2020.

BY ORDER

*Original Signed By:*

W. M. Everett, QC  
Commissioner

Attachments

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**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

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| Action   | Date (2020)       |
|--|-------------------|
| PNG(NE) to provide notice to parties identified in Directive 2 | Friday, May 29    |
| Intervener Registration Deadline                               | Thursday, June 11 |
| Submissions on further Process                                 | Thursday, June 18 |
| Further Process  | To be determined  |