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ORDER NUMBER G-288-20

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 Salvus to Galloway Upgrade Project

BEFORE:

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

on November 6, 2020

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 9, 2020, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) submitted an application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), seeking approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Salvus to Galloway Upgrade Project (Application);
- B. PNG estimates the capital cost to upgrade the Salvus to Galloway segment of the PNG Western Transmission Gas Line (Project) to be approximately \$84.8 million;
- C. The Project involves the undertaking of significant remediation of the Salvus to Galloway section of the PNG Western Transmission Gas Line in order to align with current regulatory requirements and to ensure the continued safe, reliable delivery of natural gas to PNG customers; and
- D. The BCUC has commenced review of the Application and determines that a regulatory timetable is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A written 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 is to publish the Public Notice in print/display-ad format by Friday, November 20, 2020, attached as Appendix B to this order, in appropriate news publications, such as, but not limited to, local and community newspapers as to provide adequate notice to those parties who may have an interest in or be affected by the Application.

- 3. By no later than Friday, November 20, 2020, PNG is directed to publish the Application, this order and the regulatory timetable on its website and social media accounts, and to provide a copy of the Application and this order to all interveners in the PNG-West 2020-2021 Revenue Requirements Application proceeding and the PNG Application Regarding Process for Allocation of Reactivated Capacity and Approval of Large Volume Industrial Transportation Rate.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Parties requesting intervener status must:
 - a. 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;
 - b. specifically state the nature of their interest in the Application; and
 - c. identify the general issues they intend to pursue and the extent of their anticipated involvement in the proceeding.

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BY ORDER

Original signed by:

C. Brewer Commissioner

Attachment

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Salvus to Galloway Upgrade Project

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date		
PNG to provide notice of the Application	Friday, November 20, 2020		
Intervener Registration	Thursday, December 3, 2020		
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to PNG	Thursday, December 10, 2020		
Intervener IR No. 1 to PNG	Thursday, December 17, 2020		
PNG responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Thursday, January 14, 2021		
Further process to be determined			



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PNG CPCN APPLICATION FOR UPGRADING THE SALVUS TO GALLOWAY GAS LINE

On October 9, 2020, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to upgrade the Salvus to Galloway segment of the PNG Western Transmission Gas Line to align with current regulatory requirements and to ensure the continued safe, reliable delivery of natural gas to PNG customers. Project activities are focused on works necessary to repair metal loss (corrosion) and dent anomalies along the pipeline segment, increasing depth of cover in high risk areas, improving pipeline right of way access, as well as addressing geohazards that have been determined to be cost effective to remediate. The Project has an estimated capital cost of approximately \$84.8 million to be incurred over a three-year period, between 2021 and 2023.

The BCUC has established a public hearing process to review the Application.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, December 3, 2020 – Deadline to register as an intervener with the BCUC

For more information on getting involved, please visit our website (<u>www.bcuc.com/get-involved</u>) or contact us at the information below. To learn more about this Application visit https://www.bcuc.com/ApplicationView.aspx?ApplicationId=813.

GET MORE INFORMATION

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