



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER C-1-15**

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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.
Application for Approval of a Franchise Agreement
with the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek

BEFORE: L. F. Kelsey, Commissioner
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner
K. A. Keilty, Commissioner
N. E. MacMurchy, Commissioner
I. F. MacPhail, Commissioner January 29, 2015
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
D. M. Morton, Commissioner
R. D. Revel, Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS:

- A. Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. [PNG(N.E.)] and the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek (Municipality) entered into a franchise agreement dated September 23, 1950 to furnish, distribute and sell natural gas within the Municipality for an initial term of 20 years;
- B. Upon its expiry, and by agreement of PNG(N.E.) and the Municipality, the franchise agreement was extended for an additional term of 21 years ending January 2, 1993, and further extended for a further term of 21 years ending on December 31, 2014;
- C. Rather than undertake a renewal or extension of the previous franchise agreement, a new agreement between PNG(N.E.) and the Municipality effective January 1, 2015 for a term of 21 years, was drafted to reflect updated operational language and legislative references (Franchise Agreement);
- D. Bylaw No. 4252, signed on January 5, 2015 by the Municipality, granted a gas supply franchise to PNG(N.E.), pending approval of the Franchise Agreement by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission);
- E. On January 13, 2015, PNG(N.E.) applied to the Commission for approval of the Franchise Agreement between PNG(N.E.) and the Municipality, effective January 1, 2015 for a term of 21 years (Application); and

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F. The Commission reviewed the Application and considers that approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 45(7) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the British Columbia Utilities Commission approves the Franchise Agreement between Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. and the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th of January 2015.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner