



**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER G-12-12**

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

and

An Application by Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.  
(Fort St. John/Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge Divisions)  
for Approval of its 2012 Revenue Requirements  
for the PNG (N.E.) Service Area

**BEFORE:** C.A. Brown, Commissioner

February 7, 2012

### **O R D E R**

#### **WHEREAS:**

- A. Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. [PNG (N.E.)] Fort St. John/Dawson Creek (FSJ/DC) and Tumbler Ridge (TR) Divisions filed on November 30, 2011, with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission), pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the Act), its 2012 Revenue Requirements Application (Application) to, among other things, amend its delivery rates;
- B. The Application also seeks refundable interim relief pursuant to sections 58 to 61, 89 and 90 of the Act to allow PNG (N.E.) to amend its rates on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2012, pending the hearing of the Application and orders subsequent to that hearing, on the basis that on January 1, 2012, PNG (N.E.)'s rates would otherwise no longer be fair, just and not unduly discriminatory;
- C. Commission Order G-208-11 approved for PNG (N.E.) the delivery rates and the Rate Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism rider set forth in the Application on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2012. The Order also established a Preliminary Regulatory Timetable, a Workshop to review the issues in the Application, and invited registered Interveners to make submissions regarding the appropriate and formal review process for the Application;
- D. By letter dated January 4, 2012, the Commission proposed a draft regulatory timetable for the review of the Application and requested submissions regarding the draft regulatory timetable. In accordance with Commission Order G-208-11, a Workshop was held on January 12, 2012;

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- E. The Commission received submissions from the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) on January 27, 2012, the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO) on January 31, 2012, and PNG (N.E.) on January 31, 2012;
- F. The PRRD and PNG (N.E.) submissions support a written hearing process for the review of the Application. BCOAPO's submission states that a written process may be appropriate for the review of the Application, but it reserves the right to re-assess its position at the conclusion of the evidentiary stage. All Parties support delaying the filing date of Information Request No. 1 until after PNG (N.E.) files its updated Application. PNG (N.E.)'s submission also includes a proposed a regulatory timetable for the Commission's consideration;
- G. The Commission has considered the submissions received and finds that an Amended Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application is required to be established.

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

1. The Commission establishes an Amended Regulatory Timetable, attached as Appendix A to this Order, for the review of the Application.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

C.A. Brown  
Commissioner

Attachment

**Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.**

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**AMENDED REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATES (2012)</b>
PNG files Updated Application 2012 Q1	Thursday, March 15
Commission Information Request No. 1	Wednesday, April 11
Intervener Information Request No. 1	Wednesday, April 18
Filing of Participant Assistance/Cost Award Budgets	Tuesday, April 24
PNG Responses to Information Request No. 1	Tuesday, May 1
Commission and Intervener Information Request No. 2	Thursday, May 10
PNG Responses to Information Request No. 2	Wednesday, May 23
Submissions on the Format of the Proceeding	Friday, May 25

**SUBJECT TO FURTHER REGULATORY ORDER**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATES (2012)</b>
PNG Final Argument	Tuesday, May 29
Intervener Final Argument	Monday, June 4
PNG Reply Argument	Friday, June 8