



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-73-09**

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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. ("PNG(N.E.)")
regarding Natural Gas Commodity Charges effective July 1, 2009
for the Fort St. John/Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge Service Areas**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
D.A. Cote, Commissioner June 11, 2009

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 8, 2009 PNG(N.E.) filed its 2009 Second Quarter Report on gas supply costs and Gas Cost Variance Account ("GCVA") balances for its Fort St. John/Dawson Creek ("FSJ/DC") and Tumbler Ridge Divisions, based on June 1, 2009 natural gas forward prices (the "Report"); and
- B. The Report forecasts for the FSJ/DC Division that the ratio of gas commodity cost recoveries at current rates to forecast gas commodity costs over the following 12 months would be 1.026; and
- C. PNG(N.E.) requests for its FSJ/DC Division to make no changes to the current gas commodity rates and GCVA commodity credit rate rider effective July 1, 2009; and
- D. PNG(N.E.) requests approval for its FSJ/DC Division to make no changes to the current Company use GCVA gas cost credit rate rider, Company use gas cost delivery rate and Company use gas commodity price for price deferral accounting purposes, effective July 1, 2009; and
- E. The Report forecasts for the Tumbler Ridge Division that the ratio of gas commodity cost recoveries at current rates to forecast gas commodity costs over the following 12 months would be 1.682; and
- F. PNG(N.E.) requests approval for its Tumbler Ridge Division to decrease the gas commodity rate and to increase the GCVA commodity credit rate rider; and

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- G. PNG(N.E.) requests approval for its Tumbler Ridge Division to make no changes to the current Company use GCVA gas cost credit rate rider, Company use gas cost delivery rate and Company use gas commodity price for price deferral accounting purposes, effective July 1, 2009; and
- H. The requested changes to the Tumbler Ridge Division gas commodity rate and GCVA credit rate rider would decrease the annual bill of a typical residential consumer by \$41 or 5.2 percent; and
- I. The British Columbia Utilities Commission concludes that the rate changes requested in the Report should be approved, effective July 1, 2009.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 61(4) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission orders the following:

1. In the PNG(N.E.) FSJ/DC Division, the Commission approves of making no changes to the rates that became effective April 1, 2009.
2. In the PNG(N.E.) Tumbler Ridge Division, the Commission approves a decrease of \$0.488/GJ in permanent rates from \$3.673/GJ to \$3.185/GJ effective July 1, 2009.
3. In the PNG(N.E.) Tumbler Ridge Division, the Commission approves a GCVA commodity credit rate rider of \$1.018/GJ, effective July 1, 2009 and approves of making no changes to the current Company use GCVA gas cost credit rate rider, Company use gas cost delivery rate and Company use gas commodity price for price deferral accounting purposes, effective July 1, 2009.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of June 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.A. Cote
Commissioner