



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-61-09**

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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 Ltd.
for Approval of the 2009 Resource Plan for the PNG-West Pipeline System

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
D.A. Cote, Commissioner
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner

May 28, 2009

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 2, 2009, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") filed its 2009 Resource Plan for the PNG-West Pipeline System (the "Plan") with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission"), pursuant to the Commission's *Resource Planning Guidelines*; and
- B. By letter dated February 25, 2009, the Commission established a regulatory timetable for review of the Plan. It also directed that copies of the Plan be transmitted to those parties who were registered Intervenor in the 2005 PNG-West Resource Plan Application proceedings (collectively, the "Stakeholders"). The regulatory timetable provided for information requests from the Commission and the Stakeholders, submission of Stakeholder comments, and replies by PNG; and
- C. The Commission submitted its information request to PNG on April 2, 2009. No Stakeholders submitted information requests to PNG; and
- D. On April 20, 2009, PNG submitted its response to the Commission's information request. As part of that response, PNG provided a set of alternative demand estimates showing the impact of proposed service to a liquefied natural gas facility at Kitimat, to be operated by Merrill Lynch Commodities Inc.; and
- E. There were no comments submitted by Stakeholders; and
- F. The Plan does not contemplate any significant capital expenditures that will affect customer rates; and
- G. The Commission has reviewed the Plan and the responses to the information requests.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission determines as follows:

1. The 2009 Resource Plan for the PNG-West Pipeline System is accepted as meeting the requirements of the *Utilities Commission Act*, section 44.1 (2).
2. PNG is directed to submit its next Resource Plan to the Commission within two years. In the event that any significant change in demand for services over the PNG system occurs prior to that time, the Commission directs PNG to include specific Demand Side Management measures, consistent with the requirements of *Utilities Commission Act*, section 44.1 (2), as part of its next Resource Plan.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29th day of May 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner