

**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER G-196-12**

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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 Ltd.  
and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. (PNG Consolidated)  
for 2012 Pension and Non-Pension Benefits

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner

December 19, 2012

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On September 21, 2012, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order G-130-12 and its accompanying Reasons for Decision for Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.'s 2012 Revenue Requirements (RR) Application;
- B. Order G-130-12 Reasons for Decision states: "If PNG wishes to reapply to the Commission for recovery in rates in 2013 for any of the Pension/NPPRB [Non-Pension Post Retirement Benefits] items already addressed in this [RR] Application, or any other Pension/NPPRB items, PNG is to file a separate comprehensive Pension Application, describing all of PNG's Pension/NPPRB components, in order for the Commission to review PNG's Pension accounting and rate recovery strategy in its entirety";
- C. On November 30, 2012, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. (PNG Consolidated) applied to the Commission for approval of certain Pension and Non-Pension Post Retirement Benefit treatments (the Application);
- D. The Commission considers establishing a Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application is necessary and in the public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application is as set out in Appendix A to this Order.

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2. PNG Consolidated is to provide a copy of this Commission Order, electronically where possible, to all parties who participated in the PNG 2012 Revenue Requirements Application proceedings, as well as large industrial customers.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this    19<sup>th</sup>    day of December 2012.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

L.F. Kelsey  
Commissioner

Attachment

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and  
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. (PNG Consolidated)  
2012 Pension and Non-Pension Benefits Application

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE (2013)</b>
Intervener and Interested Party Registration	Monday, January 14
Technical Workshop	Monday, February 4
Commission Information Request No. 1	Tuesday, February 12
Intervener Information Request No. 1	Monday February 18
PNG Responses to Commission Information Request No. 1	Tuesday, February 26
PNG Responses to Intervener Information Request No. 1	Friday, March 1
Commission and Intervener Information Request No. 2	Tuesday, March 12
PNG Responses to Commission and Intervener Information Request No. 2	Monday, March 25
PNG Final Argument Submissions	Friday, April 5
Intervener Final Argument Submissions	Friday, April 12
PNG Reply Submissions	Friday, April 19

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP**

<b>Date:</b>	Monday February 4, 2012
<b>Time:</b>	9:00 a.m.
<b>Location:</b>	BCUC Office 900 Howe Street, Sixth Floor Vancouver, BC