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ORDER NUMBER E-8-17

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

and

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
Section 71 Filing of 2016/2017 Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts – Summer Supply

BEFORE:

B. A. Magnan, Commissioner R. I. Mason, Commissioner R. D. Revel, Commissioner

on June 8, 2017

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 11, 2017, pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act* and the British Columbia Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts that are set out in Appendix A to Commission Order G-130-06, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) filed executed natural gas supply contracts for the period April 1, 2017 to October 31, 2017 (Application);
- B. By Letter L-21-16 dated August 11, 2016, the Commission accepted the PNG Annual Gas Contracting Plan dated June 8, 2016 (2016 ACP), which covered the period of November 2016 to October 2017. The 2016 ACP describes PNG's plan to meet the natural gas requirements for all of PNG's service areas, including PNG-West (west of Summit Lake) and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. [PNG(N.E.)], for the 2016/2017 Gas Year. PNG (N.E.) includes Fort St. John, Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge;
- C. By Order E-2-17 dated January 12, 2017, the Commission accepted for filing natural gas supply contracts for November 2016 to October 2017. In the Filing dated November 3, 2016, PNG noted that gas supply for the April 2017 to October 2017 period will be completed in the first quarter of 2017 and that those contracts will be filed with the Commission at that time;
- D. PNG requests that the details of the filing be kept confidential for the reasons of commercial sensitivity and submits that disclosure of this information may adversely affect PNG's ability to secure the most competitively priced gas supply arrangements in the future; and
- E. The Commission reviewed the natural gas supply contracts, shown in Appendix A of this order, and is satisfied they are appropriate considering market conditions at the time they were negotiated, consistent with PNG's 2016 ACP, and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 71 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, and the British Columbia Utilities Commission's Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts, the Commission accepts for filing the natural gas contracts shown in Appendix A to this order and will hold the details of the **Application** and related filings confidential as requested by Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. as they contain commercially sensitive information.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of June 2017.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason Commissioner

Attachment

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. Filling of 2016/2017 Natural Gas Supply Contracts – Summer Supply

Item	Gas Supplier	Term	Delivery Point	Volume (GJ/day)	Transaction Date
1	Canadian Natural Resources Limited	Apr17, Oct17	Station 2	6,000	March 9, 2017
1	Canadian Natural Resources Limited	Jun17	Station 2	5,045	March 9, 2017
2	Tenaska Marketing Canada	Jul17-Aug17	Station 2	5,045	March 13, 2017
3	Progress Energy Canada Ltd.	May17, Sep17	Station 2	1,661	March 29, 2017
3	Progress Energy Canada Ltd.	Jun17-Aug17	Station 2	5,045	March 29, 2017