



ORDER NUMBER
G-4-19

IN THE MATTER OF
the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.
Energy Conservation and Innovation Program Funding Application

BEFORE:

W. M. Everett, QC, Panel Chair/Commissioner
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner
T. A. Loski, Commissioner

on January 9, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 21, 2018, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. (collectively, PNG) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to section 44.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, for acceptance of the expenditures schedule for PNG's Energy Conservation and Innovation (ECI) programs for 2019 and 2020 (the Application);
- B. In the Application, PNG also seeks the following additional approvals:
 1. approval granting PNG flexibility in the reallocation of expenditures amongst demand-side measure (DSM) programs and between program years, subject to the total amount not exceeding the total amount of \$827,000 sought in this application;
 2. approval to record all DSM expenditures in a rate base regulatory asset deferral account, and to retain the 5-year amortization period for DSM expenditures approved in G-203-15;
- C. The Panel considers that a written public hearing for the review of the Application and establishment of a regulatory timetable are warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A written public hearing process is established for the review of the Application, in accordance with the regulatory timetable set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. PNG shall provide a copy of the Application and this order by no later than Tuesday, January 15, 2019 to British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.*, BC Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of BC; City of Fort St. John; City of Dawson Creek; The District of Tumbler Ridge; Peace River Regional

District; City of Prince Rupert; City of Terrace; District Municipality of Kitimat; District of Houston; Town of Smithers; Village of Burns Lake; District of Vanderhoof and the District of Fort St. James.

3. Parties who wish to participate in this regulatory proceeding are to register with the BCUC by completing a Request to Intervene Form, available on the BCUC's website at <http://www.bcuc.com/forms/request-to-intervene.aspx>, by the date established in the regulatory timetable attached as Appendix A to this order, and in accordance with the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure attached to Order G-1-16.
4. Parties who wish to receive electronic notification of filings for this proceeding should register online as an interested party available on the BCUC's website at <http://www.bcuc.com/Registration-InterestedParty.aspx>.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of January 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

W. M. Everett, QC
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2019)
PNG Notification to Parties	Tuesday, January 15
Intervener Registration	Tuesday, January 29
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to PNG	Tuesday, February 5
Intervener IR No. 1	Tuesday, February 12
PNG responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1	Tuesday, February 26
PNG Final Argument	Tuesday, March 12
Intervener Final Argument	Tuesday, March 26
PNG Reply Argument	Tuesday, April 2