

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

and

Pacific Northern Gas (NE) Ltd. 2015 Revenue Requirements Application for the Fort St. John/Dawson Creek Division

**BEFORE:** C. A. Brown, Panel Chair / Commissioner

K. A, Keilty, Commissioner

D. M. Morton, Commissioner

March 27, 2015

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## ORDER

## WHEREAS:

- A. On November 28, 2014, Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. [PNG (NE)] filed its 2015 Revenue Requirements Application for the Fort St. John/Dawson Creek division (PNG (NE) FSJ/DC) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to sections 58 to 61, of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), seeking Commission approval to, among other things, increase the delivery charge component of customer rates for PNG (NE) FSJ/DC (Application);
- B. On December 15, 2014, by Order G-197-14, the Commission approved, on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2015, the increase in the delivery rates component of rates for the FSJ/DC division and the RSAM rate rider set forth in the Application. The order also established an initial regulatory timetable for the review of the Application;
- C. On March 9, 2015 PNG (NE) filed a submission containing a revised FSJ/DC division forecast revenue deficiency of \$34,000. PNG (NE) states that the deficiency is minimal and requests Commission approval to withdraw the Application and retain the delivery rates approved under the 2014 Negotiated Settlement Process for 2015;
- D. PNG (NE) also seeks approval to retract the change to the FSJ/DC division RSAM rate rider and states that it plans to file a separate simplified application which will address the proposed RSAM rate rider for 2015; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the Application and the request to withdraw the Application and considers that approval of the withdrawal request is warranted.

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**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. [PNG (NE)] request to withdraw the Application is approved.
- 2. PNG (N.E.) is directed to retract the change in the Fort St. John/Dawson Creek Revenue Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism (RSAM) rate rider and refund to or recover from customers, as the case may be, the difference between the interim and permanent RSAM rate rider at the average prime rate of PNG (NE)'s principal bank for its most recent year is approved.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

C. A. Brown Commissioner