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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.
regarding Natural Gas Commodity Charges effective July 1, 2009
for the PNG-West and Granisle Service Areas

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

D.A. Cote, Commissioner

June 11, 2009

## ORDER

## **WHEREAS:**

- A. On June 8, 2009, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG", "PNG-West") filed its 2009 Second Quarter Report on gas supply costs and Gas Cost Variance Account ("GCVA") balances for PNG-West and Granisle, based on June 1, 2009 natural gas and propane forward prices (the "Report"); and
- B. The Report forecasts for PNG-West that the ratio of gas commodity cost recoveries at current rates to forecast gas commodity costs over the following 12 months would be 1.015; and
- C. PNG requests approval for the PNG-West Division, to make no changes to the current gas commodity rates and GCVA commodity credit rate rider effective July 1, 2009; and
- D. PNG-West requests approval for the PNG-West Division to make no changes to the current Company use GCVA gas cost debit rate rider, Company use gas cost delivery rate and Company use gas commodity price for price deferral accounting purposes, effective July 1, 2009; and
- E. The 2009 Second Quarter Report forecasts for Granisle that the ratio of propane commodity cost recoveries at current rates to forecast propane commodity costs over the following 12 months would be 1.323; and
- F. PNG requests approval for Granisle to decrease the propane commodity rate and to retain the current GCVA commodity debit rate rider; and

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G. The British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") concludes that the rates requested in the Report should be approved, effective July 1, 2009.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 61(4) of the *Utilities Commission Act* the Commission orders the following:

- 1. In the PNG-West Division, the Commission approves of making no changes to the rates that became effective April 1, 2009.
- 2 In Granisle, the Commission approves a propane commodity rate of \$15.232/GJ effective July 1, 2009 and approves of making no change to the GCVA commodity debit rate rider of \$3.085/GJ that became effective April 1, 2009.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of June 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.A. Cote Commissioner