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PNG GAS SALES TARIFF UPDATE AND RATE SCHEDULE CHANGES EXHIBIT B-1
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British Columbia Utilities Commission
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Attention: Registrar

**Re: Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.
Consolidated Gas Sales Tariff Updates and Changes to Two Rate Schedules**

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. (PNG(NE)) (collectively, PNG) hereby apply to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to Sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) for approval of updates to the General Terms and Conditions of its Consolidated Gas Sales Tariff (CGST) including new fees related to Automated Meter Reading (AMR) and certain housekeeping matters. In addition, PNG is applying to rescind PNG-West Rate Schedule 7 Natural Gas Vehicle Service (RS 7) and to suspend and close PNG-West Rate Schedule 80 Large Volume Industrial Transportation Service (RS 80) to new customers.

Approvals Requested

As set out in this submission, PNG seeks BCUC approval of the following, pursuant to Sections 59-61 of the UCA:

- a) Approval of additional charges in the Standard Fees and Charges Schedule in the CGST;
- b) Approval to update the CGST for certain housekeeping amendments;
- c) Consent to rescind RS 7 from the CGST; and
- d) Consent to suspend and close RS 80 to new customers.

Amendments to Consolidated Gas Sales Tariff

New AMR Opt-out Fee and Non-AMR Meter Read Fee

PNG is applying to update the Standard Fees and Charges Schedule in the CGST with two new charges related to AMR that were previously proposed by PNG and accepted by the BCUC but never implemented. The proposed AMR Opt-out Fee and the proposed Non-AMR Meter Read

Fee both relate to the existing provision of AMR in the PNG(NE) service areas and the anticipated roll out of AMR in PNG-West.

In the BCUC's Decision and Order C-3-20 regarding PNG(NE)'s Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to install AMR technology, the BCUC panel found these fees were reasonable and reminded PNG to file an application with respect to any tariff amendments prior to implementing the fees proposed.¹ To date, no tariff amendments have been sought and PNG(NE) has not been charging these fees. PNG seeks to remedy this situation with this filing and will begin charging the fees upon receipt of an order from the BCUC approving these amendments.

The AMR Opt-out Fee would apply when a customer requests to have an AMR device removed from the gas meter on their premises, or have the radio on an AMR meter turned off (as applicable), and would also apply if a customer who had previously opted out of having an AMR device installed requests to opt back in to the AMR service. The proposed fee will be \$60, as outlined in the PNG(NE) AMR CPCN application. The \$60 fee is consistent with the existing service Reconnection Fee in the Standard Fees and Charges Schedule. Customers opting out of the AMR service prior to having an AMR capable meter installed at their premises would not be charged the \$60 fee, however they would be subject to the fee if they decide to opt back in at a later date.

Customers selecting a radio-off or non-AMR device option will also be charged a fee (the Non-AMR Meter Read Fee) to cover the cost of manually reading their meter. This fee is proposed to be \$30 which would be levied each time a manual meter read is completed for the account. This fee is considered reasonable as it is consistent with the Customer Requested Meter Reading Fee under the existing Standard Fees and Charges Schedule.

These fees were proposed in the PNG(NE) AMR CPCN application having regard to existing fees in the Standard Fees and Charges Schedule and were supported by a cost basis for each of the fees provided in response to a series of Information Requests during the AMR CPCN application proceeding.² For reference, PNG has updated the fee calculations with current labour rates as presented in the tables that follow.

¹ See: <https://www.bcuc.com/OurWork/ViewProceeding?applicationid=746>, BCUC Decision and Order C-3-20, page 11.

² Ibid., Exhibit B-3, PNG(NE) responses to BCUC IR 15 series.

AMR Opt-out Fee (after AMR deployment or to reinstate account to AMR)					
		Labour Rates		Cost	
	Minutes	2020	2026	2020	2026
CSR	10	\$48.51/hr	\$54.06/hr	\$ 8.09	\$ 9.01
CST	60	\$55.24/hr	\$62.63/hr	55.24	62.63
Total				\$63.33	\$71.64
				Proposed Fee	\$60

Non-AMR Meter Read Fee					
		Labour Rates		Cost	
	Minutes	2020	2026	2020	2026
CSR	10	\$48.51/hr	\$54.06/hr	\$ 8.09	\$ 9.01
CST	30	\$55.24/hr	\$62.63/hr	27.62	31.31
Total				\$35.71	\$40.32
				Proposed Fee	\$30

While costs have risen since the time of the PNG(NE) AMR CPCN application, PNG does not propose to increase these charges at this time as it would be more appropriate to review the cost basis for all fees and charges in the schedule simultaneously, likely as part of a future revenue requirements application filing.

In its AMR CPCN application PNG(NE) estimated that as many as 93 customers might opt-out of AMR service. The actual experience was that 9 customers opted out prior to having the AMR device installed on their meter. At the current time, there are 10 customers in PNG(NE) who continue to have their meters read manually. Upon BCUC approval, PNG intends to notify each of these customers of the impending implementation of the proposed fees and to provide them with the option of having an AMR device installed in order to avoid paying the ongoing Non-AMR Meter Read Fee. As a courtesy, PNG proposes waiving the AMR Opt-out Fee to those customers who choose to have an AMR device installed as part of implementing this change.

PNG proposes that the AMR Opt-out Fee and the Non-AMR Meter Read Fee be added to the Administrative Charges section of the Standard Fees and Charges Schedule. For reference, PNG has included a copy of Page F-1 from the General Terms and Conditions of the CGST highlighting the proposed changes as Attachment A. Upon BCUC approval of these proposed fees, PNG will submit the applicable page for BCUC endorsement.

Housekeeping Matters

Cover Page Update

As a “housekeeping” matter, PNG seeks to update the cover page of the CGST to reflect PNG’s updated logo. For reference, PNG has included a copy of the Frontispiece of the CGST

highlighting the proposed change as Attachment B. Upon BCUC approval, PNG will submit the applicable page for BCUC endorsement.

Service Areas

As a further housekeeping matter, PNG seeks to update the Service Areas section of the CGST to include two communities that are served by PNG but are not presently listed in the areas served. On page S-1 of the CGST, PNG's four service areas are broken down with the communities served within each of those areas listed. While not every community served is included in the list, most communities of size are listed here. In the Fort St. John service area, two communities that are currently served are not listed. Given that these communities have their own limited distribution systems and are shown on the PNG System map, PNG proposes to add Wonowon and Pink Mountain to the list of locations served in the Fort St. John service area. For reference, PNG has included a copy of Page S-1 from the General Terms and Conditions of the CGST highlighting the proposed change as Attachment C. Upon BCUC approval, PNG will submit the applicable page for BCUC endorsement.

Rescission of Rate Schedule 7

In addition, PNG seeks BCUC consent to rescind RS 7. RS 7 is applicable to firm gas supplied at one premises for the purpose of being further compressed and dispensed as natural gas vehicle (NGV) fuel. The rate is only available in the PNG-West service area. The last customer that was accepting service on this rate discontinued service in 2018. Since that time there have been no customers served under this rate schedule. With no prospect of new customers emerging to take this service, PNG proposes that this rate schedule be rescinded. If PNG receives a request for service of a similar nature in the future, PNG will develop and seek approval of a new rate schedule at that time. For reference, PNG has included a copy of Table of Contents Page vi highlighting the removal of RS 7 as Attachments D. Upon BCUC approval, PNG will submit the applicable page for BCUC endorsement.

Suspension of Rate Schedule 80

Lastly, PNG proposes to suspend RS 80 and close it to new customers. PNG notes that RS 80 was approved by the BCUC under Order G-35-20 as part of PNG's application concerning the Process for Allocation of Reactivated Capacity (RECAP) and the establishment of a Large Volume Industrial Transportation Rate.³ Under the RECAP program, PNG executed transportation service agreements (TSAs) with two parties for RS 80 service. All of those TSAs have since been terminated, and there are currently no customers taking service under RS 80 or indicating an interest to do so.

³ See: <https://www.bcuc.com/OurWork/ViewProceeding?applicationid=691>, see Order G-35-20 with Reasons for Decision, page 7.

In PNG's view, suspending this rate schedule is more appropriate at this time rather than rescinding it. The base rate that was set for RS 80 was specific to the circumstances of the RECAP program. In addition to the RS 80 base rate, it was anticipated that customers would pay a toll premium based on the RECAP process. PNG considers that it would be inappropriate to extend the current RS 80 base rate to any new customer seeking service from PNG.

PNG observes that significant work was done to develop the RS 80 terms and conditions applicable to providing long term service to large volume customers (minimum contract term of 20 years and minimum contracted capacity of 10 MMSCFD). PNG is currently in commercial discussions with a customer that would potentially meet these service characteristics. PNG considers that it might possibly repurpose RS 80 for this potential customer or for other future customers and therefore, in PNG's view, it makes more sense to suspend the rate schedule such that it could potentially be reactivated with a more appropriate base rate through an application to the BCUC, rather than rescinding it. For reference, PNG has provided Title Page to the RS 80 tariff as Attachment E illustrating that the rate schedule has been closed. Upon BCUC approval, PNG will submit RS 80 in its entirety for BCUC endorsement.

Conclusion

PNG submits that the approvals sought for amendments to the CGST, the rescission of RS 7 and the closure of RS 80 are reasonable, appropriate and necessary updates to align with current circumstances. PNG respectfully requests that the BCUC grant the approvals sought.

Please direct any questions regarding this submission to my attention.

Sincerely,

Original on file signed by:

Verlon Otto

PDF Attachments (5):

- Attachment A - CGST Standard Fees and Charges Schedule - Page F-1
- Attachment B - CGST Cover Page - Frontispiece
- Attachment C - CGST Service Areas - Page S-1
- Attachment D - CGST Table of Contents - Page vi
- Attachment E - PNG-West - RS 80 Title Page - Closed

Standard Fees and Charges Schedule

New Service Line Cost

\$450.00 plus tax for services requiring up to 42 mm diameter pipe and up to 21 metres of pipe and all other associated equipment required at the Premises including 22 metres of tracer wire, riser, meter stop, regulator and gas meter. For installations in excess of 21 metres, an extra metre charge of \$10 per metre will apply.

For services requiring 60 mm diameter or greater pipe, the cost will be Pacific Northern Gas' actual cost to install the new Service Line. Pacific Northern Gas will provide the customer with the estimated cost prior to installation.

Application Fee

Existing Installation	\$30.00
New Installation	\$30.00

Reconnection Fee

\$60.00

Administrative Charges

Late Payment Charge	1.5% per month (19.56% per annum) on outstanding balance
Dishonoured Cheque Charge	\$20.00
Dishonoured Pre-Authorized Payment Charge	\$20.00
Payment Transfer Fee	\$15.00

Metering Related Charges

Meters rated at less than or equal to 14.2 m ³ /Hour	\$60.00
Meters rated greater than 14.2 m ³ /Hour	Actual Costs of Removal and Replacement
Customer requested Meter reading	\$30.00
AMR Opt-out Fee	\$60.00
Non-AMR Meter Read Fee	\$30.00

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Interest on Cash Security Deposits

Pacific Northern Gas will pay interest on cash security deposits at Pacific Northern Gas' prime interest rate minus 2 percent. Pacific Northern Gas' prime interest rate is defined as the floating annual rate of interest declared from time to time by Pacific Northern Gas' lead bank as its "prime rate" for loans in Canadian dollars.

Payment of interest will be credited to the Customer's account in January of each Year.

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PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS LTD.
and
PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS (N.E.) LTD.

GAS SALES TARIFF

Explanation of Symbols on Tariff Sheets

- A – Signifies Increase
- C – Signifies Change
- D – Signifies Decrease
- N – Signifies New
- O – Signifies Omission

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Service Areas

These General Terms and Conditions of Pacific Northern Gas apply to the following major Service Areas: PNG-West, Fort St. John/Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge.

***PNG-West
 Service Area***

Means the areas including, but not limited to, the following locations and surrounding areas of

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| Burns Lake | Port Edward |
| Fort Fraser | Prince Rupert |
| Fraser Lake | Smithers |
| Fort St. James | Telkwa |
| Granisle | Terrace |
| Houston | Vanderhoof |
| Kitimat | |

***Dawson Creek
 Service Area***

Means the areas including, but not limited to, the following locations and surrounding areas of

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|--------------|-------------|
| Dawson Creek | Pouce Coupe |
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***Fort St. John
 Service Area***

Means the areas including, but not limited to, the following locations and surrounding areas of

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Fort St. John | Taylor |
| Wonowon | Pink Mountain |

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***Tumbler Ridge
 Service Area***

Means the area including, but not limited to, the following location and surrounding area of

- Tumbler Ridge

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Residential Service (RS1)..... R1-1

Residential Low Carbon Energy (LCE) Service (RS-LCE.1) R1-LCE.1

Small Commercial Service (RS2) R2-1

Small Commercial Low Carbon Energy (LCE) Service (RS2-LCE) R2-LCE.1

Large Commercial Service (RS3) R3-1

Large Commercial Low Carbon Energy (LCE) Service (RS3-LCE) R3-LCE.1

Industrial Service (RS4)..... R4-1

Industrial Low Carbon Energy (LCE) Service (RS4-LCE) R4-LCE.1

Commercial Interruptible Service (RS5)..... R5-1

Commercial Interruptible Low Carbon Energy (LCE) Service (RS5-LCE) R5-LCE.1

Seasonal Service (RS6) R6-1

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RATE SCHEDULE 80

**FIRM LARGE VOLUME INDUSTRIAL
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

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