



STATEMENT – BCUC Engaged with Public Utilities following Westcoast Energy Inc. Pipeline Incident
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The British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) is engaged with public utilities to address gas supply needs following a Westcoast Energy Inc. pipeline incident.

Westcoast Energy Inc. experienced a pipeline rupture near Prince George, BC on October 9, 2018. As a result, some utilities who deliver or use natural gas in regions south of the incident, including parts of British Columbia and Washington state, have been impacted. Additionally, some utility customers in these impacted regions have been asked to reduce their natural gas use, as repairs are underway on the pipeline.

Given that demand is expected to increase over the winter season and the pipeline may not return to its full capacity for several months, some public utilities may need to source additional natural gas supply to minimize any service disruptions to customers.

The BCUC will expedite its review of applications made to address this incident in order to ensure that public utilities are able to provide reliable service to their customers throughout BC. In addition, customers of impacted utilities are encouraged to conserve energy during this time and to check with their utility providers for updates.