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PNG (NE)- COMPLIANCE FILING OF REGULATORY SCHEDULES EXHIBIT A-2

Mr. Verlon Otto
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Re: Pacific Northern Gas (NE) Ltd. – Fort St. John/Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge Divisions – 2020–2021 Revenue Requirements Application – Order G-263-20 – Directive 13: Compliance Filing of Regulatory Schedules Project No. 1599150 – Request for Comments

Dear Mr. Otto:

On October 21, 2020, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) issued its decision and accompanying Order G-263-20 in the matter of the Pacific Northern Gas (NE) Ltd. [PNG(NE)] Revenue Requirements Application (Decision). The Decision approved the 2020 and 2021 delivery rates and Rate Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism (RSAM) rate rider filed in the Application on a permanent basis, subject to the adjustments identified by PNG(NE) during the regulatory process and to the directives and determinations in the Decision. On November 17, 2020, PNG(NE) filed its revised regulatory schedules in accordance with Directive 13 of Order G-263-20, which reflect the directives and determinations outlined in the Decision (Compliance Filing).

Under Directive 15 of Order G-263-18, PNG(NE) was directed to collect from/refund to customers the difference between the interim and permanent 2020 delivery rates and RSAM rate rider with interest at the average prime rate of PNG(NE)'s principal bank for its most recent year. As part of the Compliance Filing, PNG(NE) requests approval of alternative treatment for the 2020 delivery rates and 2020 RSAM rate rider from that approved by the Decision as follows:

1. PNG(NE) requests approval to make the 2020 interim delivery rates approved by Order G-331-19 permanent. PNG(NE) notes that for all divisions the calculated final delivery rates, as per the Compliance Filing, are lower than the 2020 interim delivery rates. Accordingly, PNG(NE) proposes the difference between the calculated final 2020 rates and the 2020 interim rates be refunded to customers by way of a rate refund rider that would apply to 2021 deliveries.
2. PNG(NE) requests approval to make the 2020 interim RSAM rate rider approved by Order G-331-19 permanent. The difference between the calculated final 2020 RSAM rate rider, as per the Compliance Filing, and the 2020 interim RSAM rate rider would remain in the RSAM interest bearing deferral account for amortization in 2021. PNG(NE) submits that the residential and small commercial sales customers would not be detrimentally impacted by this proposal.

PNG(NE) seeks BCUC approval of this proposal by no later than Friday December 4, 2020 to allow sufficient time for implementation of rate changes that are to be effective January 1, 2021.

The Panel invites comments from British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Active Support Against Poverty, Disability Alliance BC, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, and Tenants Resource and Advisory Centres (BCOAPO) on PNG(NE)'s request for approval to make the interim 2020 delivery rates and RSAM rate rider permanent, as outlined in the Compliance Filing. Comments must be filed by the dates as outlined below:

Action	Date (2020)
Comments from BCOAPO on Request to Make 2020 Interim Delivery Rates and RSAM Rate Rider Permanent	Wednesday, November 25
Reply comments from PNG(NE) on Request to Make 2020 Interim Delivery Rates and RSAM Rate Rider Permanent	Friday, November 27

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Marija Tresoglavic
Acting Commission Secretary

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cc: BCOAPO