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## INFORMATION RELEASE – BCUC Approves PNG Fourth Quarter Gas Cost Rate Changes

VANCOUVER – On December 10, 2020, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) approved fourth quarter gas commodity rates for Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.'s (PNG) customers effective January 1, 2021. Commodity rates are a flow-through of the market prices that the utility pays for the commodity. The BCUC reviews PNG's gas and propane costs every quarter and does not approve the utilities to earn a return or profit on the cost they incur to purchase the commodity.

The following is a summary of commodity rate changes for the PNG service areas.

Utility	Company Use Gas Cost Delivery Rate	Company Use Gas Price Deferral Account	GCVA Commodity Rate Rider	Propane Commodity Rate
<b>PNG-West</b>	Increase from \$0.093/GJ to \$0.094/GJ	Increase from \$1.823/GJ to \$2.705/GJ	No change	N/A
<b>PNG-West Granisle</b>	N/A	N/A	Increase from \$0.504/GJ to \$2.740/GJ	Decrease from \$13.772/GJ to \$12.342/GJ
<b>PNG(NE) Fort St. John/ Dawson Creek</b>	Increase from \$0.036/GJ to \$0.048/GJ	Increase from \$1.768/GJ to \$2.650/GJ	No change	N/A
<b>PNG(NE) Tumbler Ridge</b>	Increase from \$0.504/GJ to \$0.588/GJ	Increase from \$3.038/GJ to \$3.897/GJ	No change	N/A

More information about the approvals for PNG-West & Granisle Service Areas is available at [Order G-326-20](#) and, for PNG(NE) Fort St. John/Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge Service Areas at [Order G-325-20](#).

In addition, by Orders [G-255-20](#) and [G-305-20](#) for PNG-West and [G-263-20](#) and [G-306-20](#) for PNG(NE), the BCUC approved the following delivery rate changes and rate riders.

Utility	Delivery Rates (Effective Jan 1, 2021)	Rate Rider (Effective Jan 1, 2021)
<b>PNG-West</b>	Residential - \$12.384/GJ	Residential - \$0.380/GJ
<b>PNG-West Granisle</b>	Residential - \$7.095/GJ	N/A
<b>PNG(NE) Fort St. John</b>	Residential - \$5.465/GJ	Residential - \$0.054/GJ
<b>PNG(NE) Dawson Creek</b>	Residential - \$5.267/GJ	Residential - \$0.054/GJ
<b>PNG(NE) Tumbler Ridge</b>	Residential - \$10.449/GJ	Residential - \$0.309/GJ Credit

Effective January 1, 2021, the approved changes will result in the following average annual total bill impact:

- PNG-West: decrease of 3.4% or \$48.29, based on an annual consumption of 68.3 GJ /year;
- PNG-West Granisle: increase of 3% or \$30.49, based on an annual consumption of 37.6 GJ /year;
- PNG(NE) Fort St. John: increase of 2.6% or \$27.94, based on an annual consumption of 102.6 GJ /year;

- PNG(NE) Dawson Creek: increase of 2.6% or \$27.94, based on an annual consumption of 102.6 GJ /year; and
- PNG(NE) Tumbler Ridge: decrease of 3.4% or \$45.47, based on an annual consumption of 73.4 GJ /year.

### **About the BCUC**

The BCUC is an independent regulatory body, responsible for regulating British Columbia's energy utilities, as well as its compulsory automobile insurance rates, and intra-and provincial pipelines rates. The BCUC is also responsible for administering BC's *Fuel Price Transparency Act*. It is the BCUC's role to balance the interests of customers with the interests of the businesses it regulates. The BCUC carries out fair and transparent reviews of matters within its jurisdiction and considers public input where public interest is impacted.

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