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INFORMATION RELEASE - BCUC Approves PNG First Quarter Gas Cost Rate Changes

VANCOUVER – Today, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) approved quarterly gas commodity rates for Pacific Northern Gas’s (PNG) customers effective April 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.

| | PNG(NE) Fort St. John/Dawson Creek | PNG-West | PNG-West Granisle |
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| Residential | Increase from \$2.625/GJ to \$3.225/GJ | Increase from \$3.055/GJ to \$3.653/GJ | N/A |
| Commercial | Small Commercial: Increase from \$2.360/GJ to \$3.225/GJ Large Commercial: Increase from \$2.585/GJ to \$3.162/GJ | Commercial Firm Increase from \$2.958/GJ to \$3.577/GJ | N/A |
| Small Industrial | Increase from \$2.491/GJ to \$3.057/GJ | Increase from \$2.592/GJ to \$3.169/GJ | N/A |
| Commercial Interruptible | N/A | Increase from \$2.376/GJ to \$2.940/GJ | N/A |
| Seasonal Off Peak | N/A | Increase from \$2.277/GJ to \$2.914/GJ | N/A |
| Natural Gas Vehicle Service | N/A | Increase from \$2.625/GJ to \$3.033/GJ | N/A |
| Company Use Gas Cost Variance Account (GCVA) Rate Rider | Increase from a bill credit of \$0.016/GJ to a bill charge of \$0.052/GJ | Increase from \$0.025/GJ to \$0.034/GJ | N/A |
| GCVA Commodity Rate Rider | Increase from \$0.089/GJ to \$0.180/GJ | Increase from \$0.093/GJ to \$0.155/GJ | Decrease from \$2.740/GJ to \$2.319/GJ |
| Propane Commodity Rate | N/A | N/A | Increase from \$12.342/GJ to \$15.882/GJ |

There are no gas commodity rate changes for the PNG(NE) Tumbler Ridge service area.

More information about the approvals for PNG-West & Granisle Service Areas is available at [Order G-72-21](#) and, for PNG(NE) Fort St. John/Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge Service Areas at [Order G-73-21](#).

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 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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