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BC Utilities Commission
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Re: Pacific Northern Gas Proposed Increase of Natural Gas Delivery Rates

Dear BC Utilities Commission,

On behalf of the Board of the North Coast Regional District (NCRD) I am writing to call for a comprehensive reset of Pacific Northern Gas (PNG) and an audit of the organization's operations and expenditures following the receipt of the correspondence sent by the Village of Telkwa, dated April 29, 2025.

As the current trend of PNG natural gas delivery rates for households continues to rise, families and residents of B.C. and the north coast are further driven towards the inability to cover the costs of necessities during the coldest parts of the year. This in addition to the indiscretion of PNG with regards to its operations on the projected two-hundred million (\$200,000,000) dollar expenditure on the new pipeline shows a lack of accountability for its economic loss on operational practices which should not be deferred to the people of B.C. to recover. For these reasons, the NCRD opposes any and all increases to PNG natural gas delivery rates.

Furthermore, the NCRD urges the B.C. Utilities Commission to conduct a thorough and transparent audit of PNG's financial practices and decision-making processes to review that fair and just rates are being provided to the communities of B.C. and the north coast.

Should you have any questions please contact NCRD staff.

Sincerely,

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Chair

*CC: Municipalities and Regional District of BC
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