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**AN ORDER IN THE MATTER OF the Public Utilities Act  
Revised Statutes, 1986, c. 143, as amended**

**and**

**A Utility Franchise to Construct and Operate  
a Piped Gas Distribution System in Whitehorse, Yukon**

**BEFORE:**            B. Morris, Chair            )  
                      W. Shanks, Vice-Chair    )  
                      G. Leslie                    ) January 29, 2003  
                      R. Hancock                )  
                      M. Phillips                )

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**WHEREAS:**

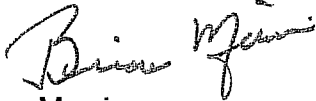
- A. In response to a public notice issued in accordance with Board Order 2002-1, Whitehorse Gas became the sole Applicant for a utility franchise to construct and operate a piped gas distribution system in Whitehorse, Yukon; and
- B. In accordance with participant discussions at a July 31, 2002, Pre-Hearing Conference, Order 2002-2 directed Whitehorse Gas to proceed with its Application; and
- C. Order 2002-2 noted that, upon completion of its assessment of the economic feasibility of the piped gas distribution system, Whitehorse Gas is expected to revise its Application by December 31, 2002, and provide a General Rate Application setting out the gas distribution utility's forecast revenue requirement and proposed rates to customers; and
- D. Due to the territorial elections, discussions with the Yukon Territorial Government have been delayed and, on December 30, 2002, Whitehorse Gas requested an extension to the scheduled timeline from December 31, 2002, to July 31, 2003; and
- E. The Yukon Department of Energy, Mines and Resources is supportive of this request.
- F. In response to a Board request for comments, Intervenors also indicated their support for an extension, but were concerned about undue delays.

**NOW THEREFORE THE BOARD** orders as follows:

1. The timeline for the filing of a General Rate Application by Whitehorse Gas is extended to July 31, 2003, to enable the completion of its assessment of the economic feasibility of the piped gas distribution system.
2. Whitehorse Gas is directed to provide the Board with regular updates on its progress and to ensure that all correspondence is copied to registered Intervenor in a timely manner.

Dated at the City of Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory, this 31st day of January 2003.

**BY ORDER**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brian Morris".

Brian Morris  
Chair