

# BILL

No. 58 of 1949.

An Act to Authorize the Export of Natural Gas by the  
Westcoast Transmission Company Limited.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1949.)

**W**HEREAS a petition has been presented by Pacific Petroleum Ltd. (non-personal liability), Peace River Natural Gas Co. Ltd., Frank M. McMahon and F. Ronald Graham praying for a license to export gas from the Province of Alberta and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

Whereas the petitioners have caused to be incorporated under the laws of the Province of Alberta a pipe line transmission company known as "Westcoast Transmission Company Ltd.", and the petitioners have requested that any permission or license to export gas from the Province of Alberta be granted to the said Westcoast Transmission Company Ltd.

Therefore His Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

**1.** Notwithstanding the terms of any petroleum and natural gas lease or reservation made or issued by His Majesty the King in the right of the Province of Alberta before or after the coming into force of this Act and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any regulations or orders in council now or hereafter in force, Westcoast Transmission Company Ltd., a body corporate incorporated under the laws of the Province of Alberta, its successors and assigns (hereinafter in this Act called "the Licensee") is hereby authorized to export gas from the Province of Alberta subject to the provisions hereinafter enacted.

**2.** The Lieutenant Governor in Council is hereby authorized to issue any licence to the Licensee which may be required by it to export gas from the Province of Alberta subject to the provisions hereinafter enacted.

**3.—(1)** The Licensee shall not export gas from any area of the Province south of the Fifty-second Township unless a licence to do so is first issued by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

**(2)** The Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board is hereby authorized and empowered to make orders and

regulations directing the Licencee from time to time with respect to those gas fields or oil gas fields from which the Licencee may acquire natural gas and the quantities of natural gas which the Licencee may acquire from any such gas fields or oil gas fields.

(3) The Licencee shall observe and comply with any such orders and regulations and shall not withdraw any natural gas from any gas field or oil gas field without first obtaining a written direction from the Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board authorizing it so to do.

4. The Licencee shall be a common purchaser and the Board of Public Utility Commissioners is hereby authorized and empowered to make orders and regulations requiring the Licencee when purchasing natural gas produced from any gas field or oil gas field, to purchase natural gas from all or any specified sources of supply which reasonably and economically may be reached by the pipe lines or gathering branches of the Licencee without discrimination in favour of one producer as against another, and/or that the Licencee shall purchase such natural gas from each producer rateably in proportion to the average daily production, and/or that the Licencee shall not discriminate in price or amount for like grades of natural gas or in facilities as among different producers.

5. The Board of Public Utility Commissioners is hereby authorized and empowered to determine the prices to be paid by the Licencee for any natural gas purchased by the Licencee in the Province of Alberta, provided, however, that such prices shall not be in excess of the prices fixed by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners for the purchase of natural gas by other purchasers who purchase natural gas produced from the said gas fields or oil gas fields or from similar gas fields or oil gas fields, and any prices so fixed by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners shall apply, notwithstanding the provisions of any contract made between the Licencee and any other person for the purchase of natural gas by the Licencee.

6. The Licencee shall not buy or acquire any natural gas for the purpose of treatment or process by separation of natural gasoline or other hydro-carbons or any other products whatsoever, either on its own behalf or on behalf of any other person whatsoever, nor shall the Licencee sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of any such natural gas to any person whatsoever for any such purpose or for the purpose of replacing other natural gas which has been used or is intended to be used for any such purpose.

7. The Licencee shall not own or operate directly or indirectly any well producing natural gas or petroleum and natural gas, or any lease for natural gas or petroleum and natural gas.

**8.** The Licencee shall service any communities in the vicinity of its pipe lines, provided such communities can be serviced economically at prices to be determined by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners.

**9.** This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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