

Bill No. 5 of 1949 (2nd Session)

A BILL TO REPEAL THE NATURAL GAS
UTILITIES ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill repeals *The Natural Gas Utilities Act*, being chapter 4 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1944.

The administration of natural gas utilities is being transferred to the Board of Public Utility Commissioners. Part I and Part II of *The Natural Gas Utilities Act* are accordingly no longer necessary as they merely provided for the organization, powers and procedure of The Natural Gas Utilities Board and the powers of that Board to deal with certain public utilities. *The Public Utilities Act* already contains similar provisions so Parts I and II of *The Natural Gas Utilities Act* are no longer necessary. The special provisions relating to natural gas utilities and contained in Part III, such as the provisions relating to the field pricing of natural gas and the approval of natural gas contracts, are being re-enacted in *The Public Utilities Act*. They will appear in Part II of *The Public Utilities Act* which is the portion of that Act dealing with public utilities.

Certain sections such as 68, 69 and 70 found in Part III of *The Natural Gas Utilities Act* declared such things as gas pipe lines, scrubbing plants, etc., to be public utilities. The same object has been achieved in *The Public Utilities Act* by amending the definition of "public utility" to include these items.

The remaining provisions of Part III of *The Natural Gas Utilities Act* were powers relating to the production, handling and disposition of natural gas and were designed to facilitate or enforce measures for its conservation. These powers relating to the conservation of natural gas are being transferred to The Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board and will be found in the proposed amendments to *The Oil and Gas Resources Conservation Act*.

Notwithstanding the repeal of this Act the orders made by The Natural Gas Utilities Board remain in force until they are annulled or until others are made in their stead by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners or by The Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

The Natural Gas Utilities Act is accordingly being repealed.

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Acting Legislative Counsel.

(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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(Assented to _____, 1949.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- 1.** *The Natural Gas Utilities Act*, being chapter 4 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1944, is hereby repealed.
- 2.** Notwithstanding the repeal of this Act all orders made by the Board shall be valid and remain in full force and effect until they are annulled or expire, or until others are made in their stead by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners or by The Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.
- 3.** This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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HON. MR. TANNER.
