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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**NATURAL GAS PRICING AGREEMENT  
AMENDMENT ACT, 1984**

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THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES

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### NATURAL GAS PRICING AGREEMENT AMENDMENT ACT, 1984

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1984)

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

1 *The Natural Gas Pricing Agreement Act is amended by this Act.*

2 *Section 17 is amended*

(a) *in subsection (4) by adding the following after clause (d):*

(e) money directed to be transferred to the Natural Gas Pricing Agreement Market Development Fund pursuant to subsection (6.1).

(b) *by adding the following after subsection (6):*

(6.1) If a federal-provincial agreement provides a limitation on the aggregate amount of market development incentive payments for which the Commission is liable in relation to a specified period, the Commission shall, on being directed to do so by the Minister, transfer from the Natural Gas Pricing Agreement Act Fund to the Natural Gas Pricing Agreement Market Development Fund an amount equal to the amount by which the aggregate amount of the payments that would have been paid to the Government of Canada in relation to the period in the absence of the limitation exceeds the amount of the limitation.

3 *Section 20 is amended*

(a) *by repealing subsections (3) and (4) and substituting the following:*

(3) The following shall be paid into the Development Fund:

(a) amounts collected by the Commission pursuant to section 19;

(b) amounts transferred to the Development Fund from the Natural Gas Pricing Agreement Act Fund pursuant to section 17(6.1).

## Explanatory Notes

**1** This Bill will amend chapter N-4 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

**2** Section 17(4) presently reads:

*(4) The following shall be paid out of the Fund:*

*(a) compensation payable by the Commission pursuant to section 15 with respect to gas delivered to the Commission under that section;*

*(b) any cost of service incurred by the Commission with respect to gas delivered to the Commission under section 15 and the movement of the gas from the point of delivery to the Commission to the point of delivery to the purchaser of the gas from the Commission;*

*(c) money paid to producers, original buyers and second buyers pursuant to the regulations under subsection (5);*

*(d) money required to be paid by the Commission to the Government of Canada as market development incentive payments pursuant to a federal-provincial agreement.*

**3** Section 20 presently reads in part:

*20(1) There shall be a fund called the "Natural Gas Pricing Agreement Market Development Fund" (in this section referred to as the "Development Fund") which shall be held and administered by the Commission.*

*(2) The Commission shall keep a separate accounting record of the Development Fund.*

*(3) The Commission shall pay into the Development Fund the amounts collected by it pursuant to section 19.*

*(4) The Commission shall pay from the Development Fund the amounts it is authorized to pay pursuant to regulations under subsection (5).*

(4) The following shall be paid from the Development Fund:

(a) amounts the Commission is authorized or required to pay under agreements entered into by the Commission pursuant to subsection (6);

(b) amounts directed to be paid by the Commission pursuant to subsection (6.1).

(b) *by repealing subsection (5)(b);*

(c) *by repealing subsection (6) and substituting the following:*

(6) Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Commission may enter into agreements with persons carrying on business as distributors of gas, wherever produced, to consumers within Canada but outside Alberta for the purpose of providing incentives for the retention or development by those distributors of markets for gas.

(6.1) The Minister may direct the Commission to pay all of the money then in the Development Fund to or for the benefit of persons who, pursuant to section 15(4), purchase from the Commission gas intended to be removed from Alberta, in the manner and on the conditions specified by the Minister.

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*In accordance with section 4(1) of the Interpretation Act, this Bill comes into force on the date it receives Royal Assent.*

- (5) *The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations*
- (a) *prescribing the maximum amount of a market development levy for the purposes of section 18(4);*
  - (b) *authorizing the Commission to make payments from the Development Fund to persons carrying on business as distributors of gas, wherever produced, to consumers within Canada but outside Alberta;*
  - (c) *governing any other matter incidental to the administration of the Development Fund.*
- (6) *The Commission may, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, enter into agreements with any person to whom payments may be made from the Development Fund on any terms and conditions that may be prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.*