

## BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

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AN ORDER IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60, as amended

and

An Application by Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. and Participant Cost Awards

**BEFORE:** 

M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and

H.J. Page, Commissioner

March 24, 1994

## ORDER

## WHEREAS:

- A. On June 18, 1993 legislative approval was given to participant funding with changes to Section 133 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") to allow for the payment of participant costs; and
- B. An application by Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. Fort St. John District ("Centra Gas") into its 1994 Revenue Requirements was heard in Fort St. John which commenced February 8, 1994 with a Decision issued by the Commission on March 11, 1994; and
- C. On December 8, 1993 the Commission issued Order No. G-117-93 setting out its Policy on Participant Funding and Cost Awards to participants to its hearings pursuant to Section 133.1 of the Act; and
- D. On January 31, 1994 the Peace River Regional District ("the District") submitted a draft budget of costs and expenses related to its participation in the Centra Gas public hearing; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the cost award application and requires Centra Gas to reimburse participant costs and expenses.

## NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

Centra Gas is to reimburse the Peace River Regional District in the amount of \$9,767. The cost award is made pursuant to Section 133.1 of the Act and is intended to reimburse the District for counsel fees of \$3,200, expert fees of \$5,400, and out-of-pocket fees of \$1,167.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this day of April, 1994.

BY ORDER

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard

Chairperson