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

and

An Application for Participant Assistance Cost Award
by the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre for the
Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. 1996/97 Revenue Requirements Application

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson;)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson; and) April 10, 1997
K.L. Hall, Commissioners)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 26, 1997 the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre ("BCPIAC") filed with the Commission an application for a participant assistance cost award with respect to their participation and attendance in the Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") 1996/97 Revenue Requirements Application, workshop, pre-hearing conference and negotiation sessions; and
- B. The Panel discussed the claim having regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order No. G-103-96; and
- C. The Panel has determined that BCPIAC's participation in the proceedings requires reimbursement in accordance with Commission approved guidelines.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Section 133.1(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission approves a cost award of \$18,777.30 for BCPIAC to reflect its participation in the Centra Gas proceedings. The aforementioned cost award is to be paid by Centra Gas in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16th day of April, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chairperson