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IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

An Application by Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. for Approval of Seasonal and Baseload Gas Purchase Contracts for the 1997/1998 Gas Contract Year

BEFORE:	L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair and Acting Chair K.L. Hall, Commissioner)	November 12, 1997
	F.C. Leighton, Commissioner	j)	

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 3, 1997, Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") submitted for Commission approval three winter seasonal gas purchase contracts with IGI Resources Inc. ("IGI"), Summit Resources Limited ("Summit"), Duke Energy Marketing Limited Partnership ("Duke Energy"); and
- B. On November 3, 1997, Centra Gas filed a Letter Agreement covering a baseload gas purchase contract with Talisman Energy Inc. ("Talisman") for the 1997/98 gas contract year; and
- C. On June 29, 1997, the Commission approved Centra Gas' 1997/98 Gas Contracting Plan which included the use of seasonal gas to meet part of its system requirements; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that approval of the seasonal supply and baseload gas purchase arrangements for the 1997/98 gas contract year is required.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Section 71 of the Utilities Commission Act and the Rules, the Commission approves for Centra Gas the following Seasonal and Baseload Gas Purchase Contracts for the 1997/98 gas contract year:

1. Seasonal Gas Purchase Agreement with Summit dated July 2, 1997 for 2,500 MMBtu/d (2,638 GJ/d).

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- 2. Seasonal Gas Purchase Agreement with Duke Energy dated September 11, 1997 for 10,000 GJ/d.
- 3. Seasonal Gas Purchase Agreement with IGI Resources dated September 9, 1997 for 11,500 GJ/d.
- 4. A Letter Agreement with Talisman dated October 29, 1997 which establishes pricing for 1997/98 under the Baseload Gas Purchase Contract dated April 30, 1991 for 7,500 GJ/d.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 2nd day of December, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr Deputy Chair and Acting Chair