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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-102-97

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

and

IN THE MATTER OF the Special Direction
to the British Columbia Utilities Commission by the
Lieutenant Governor in Council through
Order in Council No. 1510, dated December 13, 1995

and

An Application by Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.
for Approval of its 1998/99 Revenue Requirements

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
and Acting Chair) October 2, 1997
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 12, 1997 Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") applied, pursuant to Section 23 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") and Order in Council No. 1510, 1995, for approval of its 1996 actual revenue deficiency and its forecasted 1998 and 1999 revenue deficiencies ("the Application") for its Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast service areas. The Application is a result of an increase in rate base which is required to serve new customers when actual rates are less than the cost of service; and
- B. The Commission, by Order No. G-95-97, set down a Pre-Hearing Conference which was held in Vancouver on September 29, 1997 and addressed hearing issues, procedural matters and a proposed regulatory timetable.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission, following input from the Pre-Hearing Conference, orders the following with respect to the Centra Gas Application:

1. An Alternative Dispute Resolution process with respect to the Centra Gas Application will commence at 9:00 a.m., November 17, 1997 in the Commission offices on the 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3. A public hearing, if required, will be set down by way of future Commission Order.
2. The Regulatory Timetable for the Application, attached as Appendix A to this Order, will be sent by the Commission to all registered Intervenors.
3. Centra Gas is directed to respond to all information requests as soon as possible, but no later than the deadlines as outlined in the Regulatory Timetable.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of October, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair
and Acting Chair

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

CENTRA GAS BRITISH COLUMBIA INC.
1998/99 Revenue Requirements Application

ACTION

DATE (1997)

Deadline for Centra Gas to provide answers to
Commission Staff Information Request No. 1

Tuesday, October 14

Workshop in BCUC Hearing Room

Friday, October 17

Deadline for issue of further information requests
and intervenors to file evidence/testimony

Wednesday, October 22

Deadline for Centra Gas to respond to all information requests

Wednesday, November 5

Alternative Dispute Resolution process begins in Vancouver

Monday, November 17

Public hearing, if required

To be announced