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

and

Recovery of Commission Costs

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair and)
Acting Chair) July 9, 1997
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 125 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") authorizes the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") to recover its expenses arising in each fiscal year commencing April 1, out of the administration of the Act and to fix and collect levies from public utilities and other persons so defined; and
- B. The recovery of expenses is based on the Commission's approved 1997/98 budget and is net of 1996/97 over-recoveries and under-spent budget carried forward; and
- C. The levy will be calculated using each utility's total gross energy equivalent sales for the calendar year ending December 31, 1996 and will be billed by the Commission on a quarterly basis; and
- D. The Commission may adjust the fourth quarter fiscal year billing to utilities to reflect, amongst other matters, additional revenue received or, expenses incurred, during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. A levy, at the rate of 0.0060434 per GJ equivalent of energy sold for the calendar year 1996, shall be paid by, and collected from the public utilities (listed below), for the recovery of Commission expenses in the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1997.

2. The following public utilities shall be billed and shall pay to the Commission the levy fixed for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1997 by quarterly installments:

Electric Utilities

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Princeton Light and Power Company, Limited
West Kootenay Power Authority
The Corporation of the City of Nelson
Hemlock Valley Electrical Services Limited
Yukon Electric Company Limited

Gas Utilities

BC Gas Utility Ltd.
Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.
Centra Gas Whistler Inc.
Centra Gas Fort St. John Inc.
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.
Squamish Gas Co. Ltd.

Steam Heat Utility

Central Heat Distribution Limited

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of July, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair and
Acting Chair

B.C. UTILITIES COMMISSION - 1997/98 LEVY CALCULATION

Utility	Regulated Sales \$	Regulated Volume	Unit	Converted To GJ	Annual Assessment \$	Quarterly Assessment \$
B.C. Hydro & Power Authority	2,176,858,000	43,854.40	GW.H	157,875,840	954,112	238,528
City of Nelson	2,956,000	50.28	GW.H	181,008	1,094	273
Hemlock Valley	190,000	1.47	GW.H	5,292	32	8
Princeton Light & Power	3,549,000	50.24	GW.H	180,864	1,093	273
West Kootenay Power	92,025,000	1,788.62	GW.H	6,439,032	38,914	9,728
Yoho Power (added to B.C. Hydro)	424,000	1.39	GW.H	5,004	30	8
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd.	87,000	0.72	GW.H	2,592	16	4
B.C. Gas Utility Ltd.						
Lower Mainland Division	522,413,000	128,116,000.00	GJ	128,116,000	774,261	193,565
Inland Division	157,045,000	65,960,000.00	GJ	65,960,000	398,625	99,656
Columbia Division	18,115,000	8,903,000.00	GJ	8,903,000	53,805	13,451
Fort Nelson Division	2,133,000	925,000.00	GJ	925,000	5,590	1,398
Squamish Division	2,440,000	355,000.00	GJ	355,000	2,145	536
Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.						
Vancouver Island, Powell River and Sunshine Coast areas	73,168,000	25,105,000.00	GJ	25,105,000	151,720	37,930
Centra Gas Fort St. John Inc. (PNG)	8,711,000	3,000,000.00	GJ	3,000,000	18,130	4,533
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.)	6,982,000	1,881,000.00	GJ	1,881,000	11,368	2,842
Pacific Northern Gas	55,409,000	37,589,000.00	GJ	37,589,000	227,167	56,792
Centra Gas Whistler Inc.						
Port Alice & Whistler	4,709,000	466,000.00	GJ	466,000	2,816	704
Central Heat Distribution	8,378,000	1,081,000.00	GJ	1,081,000	6,533	1,633
B. C. Gas Utility Ltd.						
Squamish Gas & Granisle	<u>241,000</u>	<u>27,000.00</u>	GJ	<u>27,000</u>	163	41
TOTAL	3,135,833,000	273,453,747.12		438,097,632	2,647,614	661,904

Annual Budget less Def Revs	\$3,790,000 - 1,142,386 = \$2,647,614 =
LEVY PER GJ	<u>438097632 = 0.006043</u>