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BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER NUMBER G-13-99

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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 Whistler Inc.
for Approval of its 1999 Revenue Requirements

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) January 28, 1999
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

A. On December 23, 1998, Centra Gas Whistler Inc. ("Centra Whistler") applied to the Commission for approval of its 1999 Revenue Requirements ("the Application") pursuant to Sections 58 and 89 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and

B. The Application forecasts a 1999 revenue surplus and proposes that current rates become interim effective January 1, 1999, and following an Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") process, to decrease the commodity charge per gigajoule by 14.5 percent, from $10.769 to $9.2077, effective April 1, 1999; and

C. The Commission reviewed the Application, was satisfied that current Centra Whistler rates should be interim effective January 1, 1999, and issued Order No. G-2-99. A Pre-hearing Conference was established for January 21, 1999, to discuss various facets of the Application along with the proposed regulatory timetable; and

D. At the January 21, 1999 Pre-hearing Conference, the participants, including Centra Whistler, intervenors and Commission staff, identified issues and established a further regulatory timetable; and

E. The Commission requires that a regulatory process to deal with the Application be established.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission Orders as follows:

1. An ADR process, with respect to the Application, will commence at 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 1, 1999, at the Coast Whistler Hotel, Regency Room, 4005 Whistler Way (Lower Village), Whistler, B.C.

2. Participants involved in the ADR process may be eligible for participant funding under the Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines as established by the Commission in Order No. G-97-98. As set out in the Guidelines and Commission Order No. G-2-99, a budget will be required to be submitted to the Commission by February 1, 1999. Participants unfamiliar with the Guidelines should contact the Commission to obtain a copy.

3. A Regulatory Timetable for the Application is attached as Appendix A to this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29th day of January, 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair

Attachment

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Centra Gas Whistler Inc.
1999 Revenue Requirements Application

ACTION	DATE (1999)
Intervenor Information Requests Issued	Friday, February 5
Response to BCUC Staff Information Request	Monday, February 15
Response to Intervenor Information Requests	Friday, February 19
ADR process begins in Whistler	Monday, March 1