



BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-105-99

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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 British Columbia Inc.
for Approval to Increase Pioneer Customer Rates

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) October 7, 1999
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 5, 1999, Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") applied to the Commission for approval to increase rates to all Pioneer class customers effective November 1, 1999, pursuant to the Special Direction and the terms of the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act; and
- B. As a result of higher competitive fuel oil prices in its service area, the oil-based natural gas rates to Centra Gas customers are proposed to increase between 8.59 and 8.73 percent for Pioneer General Service customers, and between 10.95 and 12.46 percent for Apartment Customer Rates ("ACR-1") effective November 1, 1999; and
- C. The requested rate increases for ACR-1 customers are in accordance with the ACR-1 rate change methodology established by Commission Order No. G-10-99; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed Centra Gas' application and finds that an increase in rates to ACR-1 and Pioneer General Service customers should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission approves the following for Centra Gas:

- 1. An increase in rates, effective November 1, 1999, to Pioneer General Service customers of between 8.59 and 8.73 percent, and to ACR-1 customers of between 10.95 and 12.46 percent.

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2. Centra Gas is to advise all affected customers of the increased rates with the following notice:

“Until December 31, 2001 your natural gas rate is set by a mechanism which follows changes in the local market price of fuel oil, less a 10 percent discount. The B.C. Utilities Commission has approved the following rate change: Effective November 1, 1999 you will pay _____ percent more for natural gas.”

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of October 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair