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UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
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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 General Service Customer Rates

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) December 9, 1999

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 26, 1999, Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") applied to the Commission for approval to increase rates to its Pioneer General Service customers, effective January 1, 2000, 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 2.25 and 2.42 percent for Pioneer General Service customers, effective January 1, 2000; and
- c. The Commission has reviewed Centra Gas' application and finds that an increase in rates to Pioneer General Service customers should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission approves for Centra Gas an increase in rates, effective January 1, 2000, to the Pioneer General Service customers of between 2.25 and 2.42 percent.

Centra Gas is to advise all affected customers of the increased rates by way of a customer notice.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10th day of December 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair