



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

and

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 1997 and 1998 Revenue Deficiencies
and 2000 to 2002 Revenue Requirements

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner) September 23, 1999
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 10, 1999, 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 1997 and 1998 actual revenue deficiencies and its forecasted 2000 to 2002 revenue requirements and revenue deficiencies ("the Application") for its Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast service areas. The forecasted revenue deficiencies are the result of an increase in the cost of gas and rate base growth which is required to serve new customers when actual rates are less than the cost of service; and
- B. Centra Gas confirmed that the Application has been sent to intervenors and interested parties who were registered in the 1998/99 revenue requirements proceeding; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that a Regulatory Agenda is required.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. An Alternative Dispute Resolution process with respect to the Centra Gas Application will commence at 9:00 a.m., December 7, 1999 in the Commission offices on the 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. A public hearing, if required, will be scheduled by way of a future Commission Order.
2. The Regulatory Agenda for the Application, attached as Appendix A to this Order, will be sent by the Commission to all Registered Intervenors.
3. If any party considers that a pre-hearing conference for the Centra Gas Application, prior to the Alternative Dispute Resolution process, is required they are to file a request with the Commission by November 1, 1999.
4. All Parties intending to apply for Participant Assistance must do so consistent with the Commission's Policy and Rate Sheet as outlined in Order No. G-97-98. Copies of the Participant Assistance Policy and Rate Sheet will be sent, upon request, to parties registering with the Commission.
5. Persons intending to participate, and who are uncertain how to proceed, may contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Philip Nakoneshny, Senior Financial Analyst as follows:

Telephone: (604) 660-4700 Facsimile: (604) 660-1102
B.C. Toll Free: 1-800-663-1385 E-mail: commission.secretary@bcuc.com
6. Centra Gas is directed to respond to all information requests as soon as possible, but no later than the deadline outlined in the Regulatory Agenda.
7. Centra Gas is to notify its customers about the Application and this Order by way of a bill message.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of September 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair

Attachment

REGULATORY AGENDA

CENTRA GAS BRITISH COLUMBIA INC.
Application into 1997 and 1998 Revenue Deficiencies and
2000 to 2002 Revenue Requirements

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>DATE (1999)</u>
Deadline for intervenor registration	Monday, November 1 st
Deadline for information requests	Friday, November 5 th
Deadline for Centra Gas to respond to information requests	Friday, November 19 th
Alternative Dispute Resolution process begins in Vancouver	Tuesday, December 7 th