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BRITISH COLUMBIA
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 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
to Replace its Natural Gas Transmission Line at Tsolum River

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Commissioner)
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner) July 27, 2000
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner)

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 25, 2000, pursuant to Section 45 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for approval to replace its natural gas transmission line at Tsolum River near Comox, B.C.; and
- B. The project will replace the existing transmission line at Tsolum River as the existing pipeline has been exposed due to river and soil erosion. The project will involve a directionally drilled river crossing at an estimated cost of \$700,000 with the work to be completed by September 8, 2000; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the costs, timing, and justification for the project and finds that it should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves for Centra Gas, pursuant to Section 45 of the Act, the issuance of a CPCN for the construction and operation of a replacement natural gas transmission line at Tsolum River, at an estimated cost of \$700,000, as set out in Centra Gas' July 25, 2000 application.
2. Centra Gas is to file with the Commission a final report, including a comparison of actual and estimated costs, upon completion of the project.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of June 2000.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair