



BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-78-00

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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 1510, dated December 13, 1995

and

An Application by Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.
for Approval to Increase Apartment Customer Rates

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) August 3, 2000
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 24 2000, Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") applied to the Commission for approval to increase rates to Pioneer Apartment Class Customers ("ACR-1") effective September 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' ACR-1 customers are proposed to increase between 4.79 and 5.36 percent effective September 1, 2000; 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' July 24, 2000 application and finds that an increase in rates to ACR-1 customers should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. An increase in rates, effective September 1, 2000, to ACR-1 customers of between 4.79 and 5.36 percent is approved.
- 2. Centra Gas is to advise all affected customers of the increased rates by way of a bill message.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of August 2000.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair