



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

and

Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.
Application for Approval of Rate Design and Proposed 2003 Rates

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) December 17, 2002
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 30, 2002, Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra", "Centra Gas") filed its Rate Design Application ("Application"), pursuant to Sections 60 and 61 of the Act, to determine rates effective January 1, 2003 that are appropriate for the recovery of both the current cost of service and amortization of accumulated revenue deficiencies. The Application was also made pursuant to Sections 2.8 and 2.10(j) of the Special Direction. Centra Gas proposed that the Application be reviewed through a Negotiated Settlement Process; and
- B. By Order No. G-76-02 the Commission determined that the Application should proceed to a Negotiated Settlement Process and established a regulatory timetable; and
- C. Participants in the Negotiated Settlement Process with respect to the Application met on December 3, 2002, but were unable to reach a settlement agreement; and
- D. By Order No. G-86-02, the Commission established a regulatory timetable leading to an oral public hearing; and

- E. The Commission has received requests from two intervenors to revise the schedule and has reviewed the requests and the options for a revision to the regulatory timetable.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders that the Regulatory Timetable issued by the Commission and attached as Appendix A to Order No. G-86-02 be rescinded and replaced by the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to this Order. The public hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2003 in the Commission's Hearing Room, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of December 2002.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair

Attachment

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REGULATORY AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.
Application for Approval of Rate Design and Proposed 2003 Rates (Phase 2)

ACTION

DATES

Updates to Centra Gas Evidence	Wednesday, December 11, 2002
Filing of Intervenor Information Requests on the Centra Gas Updates	Monday, December 16, 2002
Centra Gas Responses to Information Requests	Monday, December 23, 2002
Filing of Intervenor Evidence	Friday, January 10, 2003
Information Requests to Intervenor	Friday, January 17, 2003
Intervenor Responses to Information Requests	Friday, January 24, 2003
Filing of Centra Gas Rebuttal Evidence	Friday, January 31, 2003
Phase 2 Rate Design Hearing commences in Vancouver	Wednesday, February 5, 2003

TIME AND LOCATION OF PHASE 2 RATE DESIGN ORAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Time: 9:00 a.m.

B.C. Utilities Commission Hearing Room
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