



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

and

An Application by Centra Gas Whistler Inc.
for Approval of its 2003 Revenue Requirements

BEFORE: K.L. Hall, Acting Chair)
and Commissioner) December 12, 2002
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 10, 2002, Centra Gas Whistler Inc. ("Centra Whistler") applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") to increase its commodity charge from \$11.613/GJ to \$12.782/GJ, and to decrease Rider A from \$0.987 per gigajoule to \$0.569 per gigajoule, both effective January 1, 2003 on an interim basis; and
- B. Centra Whistler requested that the application be dealt with through the Commission's Negotiated Settlement Process; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the application for interim rates and considers that approval is in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves an interim rate increase of 5.96%, effective January 1, 2003, subject to refund with interest calculated at the average prime rate of the principal bank with which Centra Whistler conducts its business.
- 2. Centra Whistler is to inform all customers of the interim rates by way of a customer notice.
- 3. The regulatory process and timetable will be determined by future order of the Commission.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of December 2002.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Kenneth L. Hall
Acting Chair
and Commissioner