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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-99-07

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

and

**An Application by Central Heat Distribution Limited
for Approval of 2007 Revenue Requirements**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner and Panel Chair
L.A. Zaozirny, Commissioner August 23, 2007

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 23, 2007 Central Heat Distribution Limited ("CHDL") filed with the Commission, pursuant to Sections 58 and 61 of the Utilities Commission Act (the "Act"), an Application to increase its Steam Tariff Schedule of Charges by 10.51 percent effective October 1, 2007 on a permanent basis; and
- B. CHDL separately charges its customers for most of the energy input costs and when the requested increase in Steam Tariff rates is combined with the energy input costs, customers will receive an average increase of approximately 2.74 percent effective October 1, 2007; and
- C. The Application is the first rate change since January 2003 and seeks to recover increased operating, production and labour costs resulting in a revenue deficiency of approximately \$613,246 in 2007. The requested rate increase would allow the utility to earn a projected return on common equity in 2007 of 8.70 percent and 7.02 percent on rate base; and
- D. The Application contains a customer notice regarding the requested increase in steam charges that CHDL intends to send to all of its customers; and
- E. The Commission considers that a regulatory timetable should be established for review of the Application.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. CHDL is to provide all current and prospective customers with a copy of this Order, the Executive Summary to the Application and the customer notice by Friday, August 31, 2007.
2. Current and prospective customers who wish to intervene in the review of the Application are to register with the Commission by Friday, September 7, 2007.
3. A Timetable for Information Requests, Responses and further review of the Application will be made by a future Order of the Commission that will be sent to all Registered Intervenors.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of August 2007.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. Zaozirny
Commissioner