



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission  
Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60, as amended

and

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by  
Central Heat Distribution Limited

BEFORE : M. Taylor, )  
Chairman; )  
J.D.V. Newlands, )  
Deputy Chairman; ) December 15, 1986  
D.B. Kilpatrick, )  
Commissioner; and )  
N. Martin, )  
Commissioner )

O R D E R

WHEREAS Central Heat Distribution Limited ("Central Heat")  
applied November 25, 1986 to amend its filed tariffs concerning the rates to  
be charged for steam service rendered by the Company in its service area; and

WHEREAS Central Heat's Application requested an average  
increase of approximately 4.00% over existing tariff rates effective January 1,  
1987; and

WHEREAS the Commission has considered the Application and  
supporting material.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission hereby orders as follows:

1. The schedule of rates proposed by Central Heat under  
Tab 2 of their Application dated November 25, 1986,  
embodying an average increase of approximately 4.00%  
over existing rates is approved for implementation  
pursuant to Section 67(4) of the Act, effective January 1,  
1987.

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ORDER  
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2. Central Heat is directed to forward, as promptly as possible, a copy of the Commission's December 16, 1986 letter to all customers served by Central Heat.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British  
Columbia, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1986.

BY ORDER

  
Chairman



December 17, 1986

TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF  
CENTRAL HEAT DISTRIBUTION LIMITED

Central Heat applied November 25, 1986 requesting a rate increase of approximately 4.00% to become effective January 1, 1987. A copy of the Application is available for your inspection at the office of the Applicant or at the Commission Library located on the Fourth Floor, 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

The Commission has reviewed the Application and confirms that Central Heat's projected rate of return on common equity for 1987 (12.56%) is substantially less than available to other utilities.

As a consequence the Commission has authorized the requested increase in rates to become effective and applicable to consumption on and after January 1, 1987. The authorization is made pursuant to Section 67(4) of the Act, a copy of which is attached for your information.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please write to me as below-noted, or telephone (660-4700).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "A.C. Michelson", written over a horizontal line.

A.C. Michelson,  
Commission Secretary

ACM/cms  
Attch.  
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**Rate schedules to be filed**

67. (1) A public utility shall file with the commission, under rules the commission specifies and within the time and in the form required by the commission, schedules showing all rates established by it and collected, charged or enforced or to be collected or enforced.

(2) A schedule so filed shall not be amended without the commission's consent.

(3) The rates in schedules as filed and as amended in accordance with this Act and regulations are the only lawful, enforceable and collectable rates of the public utility filing them, and no other rate may be collected, charged or enforced.

(4) A public utility may file with the commission a new schedule of rates that the utility considers to be made necessary by a rise in the price, over which the utility has no effective control, required to be paid by the public utility for its gas supplies, other energy supplied to it, or expenses and taxes, and the new schedule may be put into effect by the public utility on receiving the approval of the commission, but if within 60 days after the date the commission approves the new schedule the commission either on complaint of a person whose interests are affected or on its own motion directs an inquiry into the new schedule of rates having regard to the fixing of a rate that is not unjust or unreasonable, the commission may after the inquiry rescind or vary the increase and order a refund or customer credit by the utility of all or part of the money received by way of increase, or may confirm the increase or part of it.

1980-60-67; 1983-10-21, effective October 26, 1983 (B.C. Reg. 393/83).

**Publication of schedules**

68. A public utility shall keep a copy of the schedules filed open to and available for public inspection under commission rules.

1980-60-68.

**Schedules to be observed**

69. A public utility shall not, without the consent of the commission, directly or indirectly, in any way charge, demand, collect or receive from any person a greater, less or other compensation for a regulated service rendered, or to be rendered, by it than that specified in the subsisting schedules of the utility applicable to that service and filed under this Act and regulations.

1980-60-69; 1983-10-21, effective October 26, 1983 (B.C. Reg. 393/83).

**Orders respecting contracts**

70. (1) Where the commission, after a hearing, finds that under a contract entered into by a public utility a person receives a regulated service at rates that are unduly preferential or discriminatory, the commission may

(a) declare the contract unenforceable, either wholly or to the extent the commission considers proper, and the contract is then unenforceable to the extent specified, or

(b) make any other order it considers advisable in the circumstances.

(2) Where a contract is declared unenforceable either wholly or in part, the commission may order that rights accrued before the date of the order be preserved and those rights may then be enforced as fully as if no proceedings had been taken under this section.

1980-60-70.