



BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-24-93

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

and

An Application by Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.

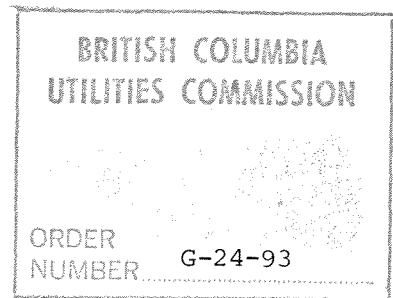
BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chair;) April 13, 1993
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 8, 1993 Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. - Whistler District ("Centra Gas") applied to the Commission for approval to increase rates to all customers in the Resort Municipality of Whistler effective March 1, 1993 by \$1.54/GJ (21.73 percent) and effective January 1, 1994 by \$0.53/GJ (6.14 percent); and
- B. On April 8, 1993, following an April 5, 1993 meeting with customers in the Resort Municipality of Whistler, Centra Gas submitted two alternative options in order to recover the utility's revenue deficiency which had (Option 1) the Municipality's cost sharing contribution of \$89,400 credited fully against the 1993 revenue deficiency or (Option 2) allocate one-half of the contribution against each of the 1993 and 1994 revenue deficiencies; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that Option No. 2 which passes through moderate rate increases for 1993 and 1994 should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves for Centra Gas the Application to pass-through an interim rate increase to all customers of 15.326 percent (\$1.086/GJ) effective March 10, 1993 and an 8.4 percent increase (\$0.687/GJ) effective January 1, 1994, pursuant to Section 67(4) of the Act.
2. Centra Gas will establish deferral accounts to record the following:
 - The difference between the actual cost of short-term debt and the long-term debt rates that have been included in this application.
 - The difference between the allocated shared expenses for 1993 and 1994 and the amounts that result from the Common Services Study.
 - The difference between the actual and the projected trucking costs to haul propane from the new plant to the south plant.
3. Centra Gas is to notify all affected customers of the 1993 and 1994 rate increases by way of delivery of a copy of the Commission's letter attached as Appendix A to this Order.



4. Centra Gas is to file for Commission approval an amended Gas Tariff Rate Schedule reflecting the increased interim rates approved by this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this *15th* day of April, 1993.

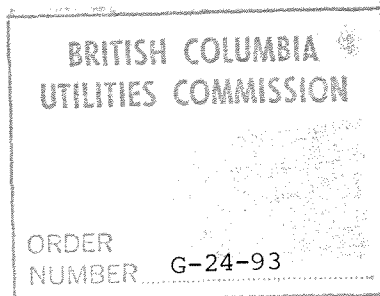
BY ORDER

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Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chair



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APPENDIX A

April 15, 1993

To All Customers of Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. Whistler District

On February 8, 1993, Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.- Whistler District ("Centra Gas-Whistler") applied to increase its revenue from propane sales to all customers by 21.73 percent or \$1.54/GJ effective March 1, 1993 and an increase of 6.14 percent or \$0.53/GJ in 1994 over the adjusted 1993 rates due to the municipality's request that the Company relocate its plant facility at a cost of approximately \$3.8 million. A copy of that Application is available for inspection at the Victoria, B.C. head office, at the Whistler, B.C. office of Centra Gas-Whistler and at the B.C. Utilities Commission, 6th Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3.

The Commission has reviewed the Centra Gas-Whistler Application and has ordered that an interim increase in propane rates of 15.326 percent is to become effective on and after March 10, 1993 and 8.4 percent effective January 1, 1994. The Commission has determined that the costs of a public hearing are not in the public interest and Commission Order No. G-24-93 is made pursuant to Section 67(4) of the Utilities Commission Act which reads as follows:

"67(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."

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact the undersigned either in writing or by telephone (660-4700 or 1-800-663-1385 toll-free).

Yours truly,

Robert J. Pellatt,
Commission Secretary