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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. for Approval of a Deferral Account for IRP and DSM Initiatives

BEFORE:

M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson;)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson;)

K.L. Hall, Commissioner; and

F.C. Leighton, Commissioner

October 19, 1995

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 26, 1995 Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast areas ("Centra Gas") applied to the Commission for approval of a deferral account to recover, through rates, costs associated with expenditures relating to Integrated Resource Planning ("IRP") that will occur in 1996; and
- B. The Application seeks approval for deferral account expenditures of \$80,000, inclusive of labour costs relating to the Company's senior economist, that will attract interest at Centra Gas' short-term interest cost; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that a modified approval is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves a deferral account in the amount of \$50,000 for Centra Gas to capture costs associated with expenditures relating to its IRP in 1996. The Commission has removed the labour component amount of \$28,100 related to costs of the Company's senior economist.
- 2. The balances in the deferral account are approved to include interest at Centra Gas' short-term interest cost.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 2 5th day of October, 1995.

BY ORDER

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard

Chairperson