

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Order

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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 Fort St. John Inc. for Approval of the 1996 and 1997 Rate Design Application

**BEFORE:** L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson; and

F.C. Leighton, Commissioner ) July 12, 1996

## ORDER

## **WHEREAS:**

- A. The Commission's Decision of March 11, 1994 pages 14 and 15 directed Centra Gas Fort St. John Inc. ("Centra FSJ") to file a report with the Commission addressing the appropriateness of achieving rate design initiatives; and
- B. On December 20, 1995 Centra FSJ applied to the Commission by letter, and on January 8, 1996 the utility filed its detailed revenue requirement and rate design application, to amend rates on an interim and permanent basis to customers, effective January 1, 1996 for the test period 1996 to 1997 ("the Application"), pursuant to Sections 64 and 104 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"); and
- C. On February 14, 1996 Centra FSJ filed rate design evidence which incorporated the net revenue deficiency and proposed rate changes; and
- D. On April 15, 1996 a tentative negotiated settlement on the revenue requirements was reached among the participants and circulated to all registered intervenors for comment. On April 29, 1996 Centra FSJ submitted the negotiated settlement for Commission consideration; and
- E. On May 1, 1996 Centra FSJ submitted a revised rate design application which incorporated the revenue requirements in the negotiated settlement; and
- F. The Commission considered the impacts of the negotiated revenue requirement settlement and approved the settlement by Order No. G-60-96 subsequent to Phase I of a public hearing held on May 6, 1996 in Fort St. John; and

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G. In Phase II of the same public hearing the Commission reviewed the impacts of the Centra FSJ Rate Design Application dated May 1, 1996 which were to take effect January 1, 1996.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders Centra FSJ to comply with the directions in the Phase II Rate Design Decision issued concurrently with this Order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this

12th day of July, 1996.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:* 

Lorna R. Barr Deputy Chairperson