

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Number **G-59-96**

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

and

An Application by Squamish Gas Co. Ltd. for Approval of Natural Gas Rate Increase

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)

L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson) June 7, 1996

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 30, 1996 Squamish Gas Co. Ltd. ("Squamish Gas") filed with the Commission for approval, amendments to Gas Tariff Rate Schedules and rates for natural gas distribution service to retail customers located in its service area pursuant to the Special Direction and under the terms of the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act; and
- B. Pursuant to the Special Direction, Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") surveyed competitive fuel oil markets on Vancouver Island and reported that a change in rates charged to Pioneer Customers, under its Closed Rate Schedules, required an increase effective June 1, 1996. By agreement, the Squamish Gas rates are identical to those of Centra Gas customers on Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that approval to amend rates for natural gas service to Squamish Gas customers is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders Squamish Gas as follows:

1. The Commission approves and accepts for filing for Squamish Gas, rates for natural gas service effective June 1, 1996 as follows:

Sixteenth Revision of Sheet No. 10

Eighth Revision of Sheet No. 11

Small General Service Rate No. 1 (SGS-1)

Small General Service Rate No. 2 (SGS-2)

Large General Service Rate No. 1 (LGS-1)

Large General Service Rate No. 2 (LGS-2)

Large General Service Rate No. 2 (LGS-2)

Large General Service Rate No. 2 (LGS-3)

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Fifth Revision of Sheet No. 15 - Competitive Range Rate (CRR)

Ninth Revision of Sheet No. 16 - Apartment/Multi-Family Dwelling Rate (ACR-1)

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2. Squamish Gas is to inform all affected customers of the changes to natural gas rates effective June 1, 1996.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of June, 1996.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard Chairperson