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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-21-96

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

and

An Application by Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.  
for Approval of Gas Tariff Rate Schedules for  
the Restructured Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Agreement

**BEFORE:** M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson ) February 15, 1996

## O R D E R

### WHEREAS:

- A. Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") and Pacific Coast Energy Corporation ("PCEC") entered into a new agreement dated December 14, 1995 with the Province of British Columbia, identified as the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Agreement ("the New Agreement"), to restructure the terms under which natural gas service is provided to customers on Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast. The Government approved the Agreements and issued Order in Council No. 1510, 1995 and the Special Direction. On December 29, 1995 the New Agreement was finalized and by Order No. G-4-96 the Commission approved the Transportation Service Agreements with the Vancouver Island Joint Venture and Centra Gas, along with General Terms and Conditions for Gas Transportation Service; and
- B. The New Agreement contained an approved rate structure applicable for customers taking service in the Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast service areas in 1996 and beyond; and
- C. On February 6, 1996 Centra Gas applied to the Commission for approval of the rates identified as Rate Schedules SGS-11, SGS-12, LGS-11, LGS-12, LGS-13 and optional Rider A, and of a modification to the consumption levels to the Rate Schedules in the Special Direction that will equal or exceed specific threshold levels; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that its approval is necessary and in the public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves for Centra Gas the rates identified as Rate Schedules SGS-11, SGS-12, LGS-11, LGS-12 and LGS-13, effective February 13, 1996.
2. The Commission approves for Centra Gas, Rider A to Rate Schedule SGS-11 that reduces the up-front contribution required if a full load is not attached to the system, and to provide an incentive for the customer to increase load to the full level of 75 GJ.
3. Centra Gas is to advise all customers of the new rates and Rider A to Schedule SGS-11 upon application for service effective February 13, 1996.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29th day of February, 1996.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard  
Chairperson