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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

An Application by Centra Gas Whistler Inc.
for Approval of 1997 Propane Rates at Whistler, B.C.

BEFORE: K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner) June 25, 1997

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-101-96, approved for Centra Gas Whistler Inc. ("Centra Gas") a propane rate increase of \$1.488/GJ effective November 1, 1996 to partially recover increases in the bulk cost of propane. Centra Gas was required to record the difference between the actual cost of propane and the cost recovered in rates in a propane cost deferral account and to report on the 1996 balances in all deferral accounts; and
- B. On April 11, 1997 Centra Gas filed a revised copy of its February 20, 1997 application ("the Application") which reported on the 1996 deferral account balances and requested approval of 1997 forecasted activity and deferral account amortization which would permit current propane rates to remain unchanged; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Centra Gas Application and finds that the request to maintain current rates is appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for Centra Gas the 1996 deferral account balances.
- 2. The Commission accepts the 1997 forecasts in the Application on the basis that current rates for Whistler's propane grid system customers will remain unchanged.

3. In order to hold harmless all parties, the Commission will determine the final disposition of these amounts following its review of the actual 1997 results of operations or after receipt of the 1998/99 rate application which Centra Gas anticipates filing in the Fall of 1997.
4. Centra Gas is to inform all Intervenors and Interested Parties of the Commission's Order and its effect on rates.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of July, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Kenneth L. Hall
Commissioner