

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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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 British Columbia Inc. for Approval to Decrease Rates

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair ) L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair ) June 25, 1998

## ORDER

## **WHEREAS:**

- A. On June 24, 1998, Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") applied to the Commission to decrease the Apartment Customer Rates ("ACR-1") effective July 1, 1998, pursuant to the Special Direction and the terms of the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act; and
- B. As a result of lower competitive fuel oil prices in the service area, the oil-based natural gas rates to Centra Gas' ACR-1 customers will decrease between 7.86 percent and 9.17 percent effective July 1, 1998; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the June 24, 1998 application and finds that a reduction in the Schedule of Rates for ACR-1 customers should be approved.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission approves for Centra Gas a decrease in rates, between 7.86 percent and 9.17 percent, for ACR-1 customers, effective July 1, 1998. Centra Gas is to advise all affected customers of the decrease in rates by way of customer notice.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of July, 1998.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:* 

Peter Ostergaard Chair