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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER G-20-98

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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 Amend the Schedules of Rates for Pioneer Customers

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair )  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner ) March 3, 1998  
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner )  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-62-97, approved for Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas"), Rate Rider B for the recovery of deferred revenue from the Pioneer Customer classes effective June 1, 1997, pursuant to the Special Direction and under terms of the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act; and
- B. On February 23, 1998, Centra Gas applied to the Commission pursuant to Section 60 of the Utilities Commission Act, to terminate Rate Rider B for the Small General Service SGS-1, Large General Service LGS-1 and LGS-2 rate classes effective March 1, 1998, as the recovery of the deferred revenue attributable to those classes of customers had substantially occurred by the end of February, 1998; and
- C. Pursuant to the Special Direction, Centra Gas surveyed light fuel oil prices in the service area and reported that heating oil prices for Apartment Customer Rates ("ACR-1") had declined requiring a reduction in rates between 3.9% and 4.5% effective March 1, 1998; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the February 23, 1998 Centra Gas application and finds that the schedule of rates to Pioneer Customers are required to be decreased effective March 1, 1998.

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

1. The Commission approves for Centra Gas, the termination of Rate Rider B for Pioneer Customers in SGS-1, LGS-1 and LGS-2 rate classes effective March 1, 1998, as the recovery of the deferred revenue attributable to these classes of customers has substantially occurred.
2. The Commission approves for Centra Gas a decrease in rates to ACR-1 customers of between 3.9% and 4.5% effective March 1, 1998.
3. Centra Gas is to advise all affected customers of the decrease in rates to SGS-1, LGS-1, LGS-2 and ACR-1 rate schedules of the Utility. A draft Customer Notice is to be provided to the Commission in advance of its issuance. Future Pioneer rate applications are to include a copy of a draft customer notice.
4. Centra Gas is to review the filing of its Pioneer rate applications to ensure that future applications are submitted in a timely manner following the completion of the oil market survey.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 5th day of March, 1998.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair