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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
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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 of the Temporary Assignment of Westcoast Energy Inc. Zone 4 Transportation
for the 1997/1998 Gas Contract Year

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) January 29, 1998
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner)
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner)
C. Kinsley, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 27, 1998, Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") applied to the Commission for approval to assign to NGC Canada Inc. ("NGC") a portion of the Westcoast Energy Inc. ("WEI") Zone 4 Transportation for the 1997/1998 gas contract year; and
- B. The Contract with NGC will assign $377.6 \times 10^3 \text{m}^3/\text{day}$ of Zone 4 WEI Transportation from April 1, 1998 to October 31, 1998. The Agreement also provides Centra Gas with the option to re-acquire up to $154 \times 10^3 \text{m}^3/\text{day}$ at the WEI toll rate during the periods of April 1 to May 15, 1998 and September 15 to October 31, 1998, if Centra Gas should require any of its baseload gas at Huntingdon, B.C.; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Letter Agreement and is satisfied that approval of the temporary assignment of Zone 4 Transportation is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Section 71 of the Utilities Commission Act and the Rules, the Commission approves for the 1997/98 gas contract year for Centra Gas, the January 26, 1998 Letter Agreement, identified as Transportation Purchase Term Sheet, with NGC Canada Inc. for the temporary assignment of WEI Zone 4 Transportation of $377.6 \times 10^3 \text{m}^3/\text{day}$ from April 1, 1998 to October 31, 1998.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of February, 1998.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair