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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-14-98

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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 Increase Schedules of Rates to Pioneer Customers

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) February 5, 1998

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 18, 1997, the Commission, by Order No. G-135-97, approved for Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") its December 15, 1997 application to increase rates to Pioneer Customers in the Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast service areas, effective January 1, 1998. The increase is to be placed in the deferral account approved by Order No. G-62-97, pursuant to Section 60 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), the Special Direction approved by Order in Council No. 1510, 1995, and under the terms of the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act; and
- B. On January 28, 1998, Centra Gas applied to the Commission to commence recovery of the rate increase, approved by Order No. G-135-97 effective February 1, 1998, and to terminate the application of Rate Rider B to Rate Class SGS-2, effective February 1, 1998, as the recovery of the deferred revenue attributed to that class of customer would have substantially occurred by the end of January, 1998; and
- C. Pursuant to the Special Direction, Centra Gas surveyed light fuel oil prices in Victoria and Nanaimo and reported that rates remained unchanged over the increased December, 1997 prices. Centra Gas requested that its schedule of rates be increased effective February 1, 1998; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the January 28, 1998 application and finds that the schedule of rates to Pioneer Customers are required to be increased, effective February 1, 1998.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The increased rates approved by Order No. G-135-97, and placed in a deferral account effective January 1, 1998, are approved to be passed through to the schedules of rates for Pioneer Customers in the Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast service areas, effective February 1, 1998.
2. The Commission approves for Centra Gas the termination of Rate Rider B for the SGS-2 customer class, effective February 1, 1998, as the recovery of the deferred revenue attributable to that class of customer has substantially occurred.
3. Centra Gas is to advise all affected customers of the increase in rates passed through to all rate schedules of the Utility. A draft Customer Notice is to be provided to the Commission in advance of its issuance.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of February, 1998.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair