



BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-43-99

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

and

An Application by Squamish Gas Co. Ltd.
for Approval to Increase Rates

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) April 22, 1999

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 20, 1999, Squamish Gas Co. Ltd. ("Squamish Gas") applied to the Commission for approval to increase rates to all natural gas customers, effective May 1, 1999, consistent with the Commission's approval of rate increases to Pioneer General Service and Apartment Customer Rates ("ACR-1") for Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") under Order No. G-40-99; and
- B. As a condition of the Special Direction and the terms of the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act, Centra Gas surveyed local heating oil dealers and found that prices for heating oil had increased, resulting in a corresponding increase in its oil-based natural gas rates in the Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast service areas, effective May 1, 1999; and
- C. Squamish Gas adopts the same rate changes for its oil-based natural gas rates as those approved for Centra Gas; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Squamish Gas application and finds that approval is required.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission approves for Squamish Gas its April 20, 1999 application to increase natural gas rates effective May 1, 1999.
- 2. Squamish Gas is to inform all customers of the May 1, 1999 rate increase by way of a customer notice included in the next billing.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26th day of April 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair