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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 Apartment Customer Rates

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair )  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner ) December 10, 1998  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On December 1, 1998, Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") applied to the Commission to increase Pioneer Class, Apartment Customer Rates ("ACR-1") effective December 1, 1998, pursuant to the Special Direction and the terms of the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act; and
- B. As a result of higher competitive fuel oil prices in the service area effective October 26, 1998, the heating oil-based natural gas rates to Centra Gas' ACR-1 customers will increase between 5.9 percent and 6.9 percent effective December 1, 1998; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed Centra Gas' December 1, 1998 application and finds that an increase in the Schedule of Rates for ACR-1 customers should be approved.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission approves for Centra Gas an increase in rates, between 5.9 percent and 6.9 percent, for ACR-1 customers, effective December 1, 1998. Centra Gas is to advise all affected customers of the increase in rates by way of customer notice.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of December, 1998.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Lorna R. Barr  
Deputy Chair