



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 Decrease Apartment Customer Rates

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair )  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner ) May 4, 2000  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On April 27, 2000, Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") applied to the Commission for approval to decrease rates to Pioneer Apartment Class Customers ("ACR-1") effective June 1, 2000, pursuant to the Special Direction and the terms of the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act; and
- B. As a result of lower competitive fuel oil prices in its service area, the oil-based natural gas rates to Centra Gas' ACR-1 customers are proposed to decrease between 2.29 and 2.66 percent effective June 1, 2000; and
- C. The requested rate decreases for ACR-1 customers are in accordance with the ACR-1 rate change methodology established by Commission Order No. G-10-99; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed Centra Gas' April 27, 2000 application and finds that a decrease in rates to ACR-1 customers should be approved.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders the following for Centra Gas:

- 1. A decrease in rates, effective June 1, 2000, to ACR-1 customers of between 2.29 and 2.66 percent is approved.
- 2. Centra Gas is to advise all affected customers of the decreased rates by way of a bill message.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2000.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair