



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 Natural Gas Customer Rates

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair )  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner )  
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner ) November 25, 1999  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner )  
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On November 15, 1999, Squamish Gas Co. Ltd. ("Squamish Gas") applied to the Commission for approval to increase rates to all natural gas customers, effective December 1, 1999, consistent with the Commission's approval of rate increases to Pioneer General Service customers for Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") by Order No. G-116-99; and
- B. As a condition of the Special Direction and the terms of the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act, Centra Gas monitors the prices for heating oil available to customers. Centra Gas found that the prices for heating oil had increased, resulting in a corresponding increase to the oil-based Pioneer General Service rates in the Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast service areas, effective December 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 November 15, 1999 application to increase rates to its General Service customers of between 2.21 and 2.47 percent, effective December 1, 1999.
- 2. Squamish Gas is to inform all customers of the December 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1999.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Lorna R. Barr  
Deputy Chair