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UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
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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) January 13, 2000
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 22, 1999, Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") applied to the Commission for approval to increase the Pioneer Apartment Customer Rates ("ACR-1") effective February 1, 2000, 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 its service area, the oil-based natural gas rates to Centra Gas' ACR-1 customers are proposed to increase between 9.74 and 11.22 percent effective February 1, 2000; and
- C. The requested rate increases 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' December 22, 1999 application and finds that an increase in rates to ACR-1 customers should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission approves for Centra Gas an increase in rates, effective February 1, 2000, to ACR-1 customers of between 9.74 and 11.22 percent. Centra Gas is to advise all affected customers of the increased rates by way of a bill message.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 13th day of January 2000.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair