



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 Pioneer ACR-1 Customer Rates

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner)
R.D. Deane, Commissioner) March 14, 2002
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 22, 2002, Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") applied to the Commission for approval to decrease rates to its Apartment Customer Rates ("ACR-1") customers, effective April 1, 2002, pursuant to the Special Direction (Order in Council 1510, 1995), and the terms of the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act; and
- B. Under the Special Direction, effective in 2002, the current Pioneer General Service rates are set at the lower of either the average competitive price of fuel oil with a zero percent discount or the applicable New Customer rate; and
- C. As a result of the monthly survey of competitive fuel oil prices in the service area, the oil-based natural gas rates to Pioneer ACR-1 customers are proposed to decrease effective April 1, 2002; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed Centra Gas' application and finds that the decreases to the Pioneer ACR-1 customer rates should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission approves the following for Centra Gas:

1. A decrease to the following ACR-1 customer rates effective April 1, 2002:

	<u>Current Rate</u> (\$/GJ)	<u>New Rate</u> (\$/GJ)	<u>Percent Change</u>
ACR-1 (Minimum Use)			
Capital Regional District			
ACR-1 (200)	8.58	8.07	(5.94%)
ACR-1 (600)	7.81	7.29	(6.66%)
ACR-1 (2000)	7.81	7.29	(6.66%)
ACR-1 (6000)	7.81	7.29	(6.66%)
Other Communities			
ACR-1 (200)	8.97	8.46	(5.69%)
ACR-1 (600)	8.20	7.68	(6.34%)
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ACR-1 (6000)	8.13	7.68	(5.54%)

2. Centra Gas is to advise all affected ACR-1 customers of the decrease in natural gas rates with an appropriate bill message.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of March 2002.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair