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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-126-01

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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 Whistler Inc.
for Approval of its 2002/03 Revenue Requirements

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
B.L. Clemenhagen, Commissioner) November 22, 2001
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 15, 2001, Centra Gas Whistler Inc. ("Centra Whistler") applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") to decrease its commodity charge on a permanent basis, effective January 1, 2002, and to further decrease the commodity charge, effective January 1, 2003 ("the Application"); and
- B. Centra Whistler requested that the Application be dealt with through the Commission's Negotiated Settlement Process; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that the scheduling of a Workshop and Pre-hearing Conference is required.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission will hold a Workshop and Pre-hearing Conference on the Application on Thursday, December 13, 2001, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Coast Whistler Hotel, Salon B, 4005 Whistler Way (Lower Village), Whistler, B.C. The Workshop and Pre-hearing Conference will address procedural matters, which will include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - scheduling,
 - need for, and completeness of, the Application,

- identification of the principal issues,
 - process (information requests, settlement negotiations or public hearing),
 - location(s) of the proceedings, and
 - other matters that will enable the proceedings to efficiently cover and review all aspects of the Application.
2. Centra Whistler will publish, in display-ad format, the attached Notice of Workshop and Pre-hearing Conference (attached as Appendix A), in local community newspapers in Whistler, B.C. by Monday, December 3, 2001.
3. Centra Whistler will ensure there are sufficient copies of the Executive Summary available at the Workshop and Pre-hearing Conference.
4. Following results of the Workshop and Pre-hearing Conference, the Commission will issue an Order and a Regulatory Timetable to Registered Intervenors outlining further steps to be followed in the review of the Application.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of November 2001.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair

Attachment



NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

CENTRA GAS WHISTLER INC. Application for Approval of 2002/03 Revenue Requirements

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: The Coast Whistler Hotel
Salon B
4005 Whistler Way (Lower Village)
Whistler, B.C.

THE APPLICATION

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THE REGULATORY PROCESS

The Commission will hold a Workshop and Pre-hearing Conference in Whistler on Thursday, December 13, 2001 to discuss the Application and procedural matters, which will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- scheduling,
- need for, and completeness of, the Application,
- identification of principal issues,
- process (information requests, settlement negotiations, or public hearing),
- location(s) of the proceedings; and
- other matters that will enable the proceedings to efficiently cover and review all aspects of the Application.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application is available for inspection at the following locations of Centra Whistler:

Head Office: 1675 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3V3
District Office: 8021 Mons Road, Whistler, B.C.

An Executive Summary of the Application is available to Interested Parties upon request from Centra Whistler (Telephone: (604) 932-4082) at no charge.

Copies of the Application and supporting material are also available for inspection at the office of the British Columbia Utilities Commission, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3.

INTERVENTIONS

Persons who expect to actively participate in the proceeding should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing, by Tuesday, December 11, 2001. Intervenor will receive copies of the Application, all correspondence and filed documentation.

Persons not expecting to actively participate should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by Tuesday, December 11, 2001. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Application's Executive Summary and all Orders issued.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Barry McKinlay, Manager, Rates and Finance as follows:

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BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert J. Pellatt