



IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

An Application by Central Heat Distribution Limited
for Approval of 2003 Revenue Requirements

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
R.D. Deane, Commissioner) November 14, 2002
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 31, 2002 Central Heat Distribution Limited ("CHDL") filed with the Commission, pursuant to Sections 58 and 61 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act"), an Application to increase its Steam Tariff Schedule of Charges by 6.4 percent effective January 1, 2003, on a permanent basis; and
- B. The Application is the first rate change since January 1996 and seeks to recover increased operating, production and labour costs resulting in a revenue deficiency of approximately \$358,000. The requested rate increase would allow the utility to earn a projected return on common equity in 2003 of 10.12 percent and 8.19 percent on rate base; and
- C. On October 31, 2002, CHDL notified all customers of the requested increase in steam charges; and
- D. The Commission considers that a regulatory timetable should be established for review of the Application.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. CHDL is to provide all current and prospective customers with a copy of this Order and the Executive Summary to the Application by Friday, November 22, 2002.
- 2. Current and prospective customers who wish to intervene in the review of the Application are to register with the Commission by Friday, November 29, 2002.
- 3. A Timetable for Information Requests, Responses and further review of the Application will be made by a future Order of the Commission that will be sent to all Registered Intervenors.

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

BY ORDER

BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER G-80-02

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Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair