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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER F-7-03**

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

**and**

**Applications for Participant Assistance Cost Awards  
Regarding the Centra Gas British Columbia Inc.  
[now known as Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.]  
Applications for Approval of 1999 to 2001 Revenue Deficiencies and  
Application for 2003 to 2005 Revenue Requirements (Phase 1) and  
Application for Approval of Rate Design and  
Proposed 2003 Rates (Phase 2)**

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner )  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner ) July 8, 2003  
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner )

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-2-03, approved for Centra Gas British Columbia Inc. ("Centra Gas") the Negotiated Settlement to its 1999 to 2001 Actual Revenue Deficiencies and the 2003 to 2005 Forecast Revenue Requirements; and
- B. The Commission by Order No. G-42-03 issued its Decision on Centra Gas' 2002 Rate Design Application, 2002 Cost of Service Allocation Study and Application for Approval of Amending Agreements effective January 1, 2003; and
- C. On May 27, 2003 the Vancouver Island Public Sector Natural Gas Consumers Group ("the Consumers Group") applied for a Participant Assistance Cost Award for its participation in the Centra Gas proceedings; and
- D. On June 11 and 18, 2003 The British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre ("BCPIAC") applied for a Participant Assistance Cost Award for its participation in the Centra Gas proceedings; and

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E. The Commission has reviewed the participant assistance applications with regard to the criteria, guidelines and rates as set out in Commission Order No. G-23-01.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to the following for their participation in the Centra Gas Applications for the aforementioned proceedings:

The Consumers Group	<u>\$ 17,995.78</u>
BCPIAC	<u>\$ 63,522.49</u>

2. Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc. is directed to reimburse the above noted participants for the total amounts awarded in a timely fashion.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2003.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair