



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 2003 Revenue Requirements

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
K.L. Hall, Commissioner) February 17, 2003
R.D. Deane, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 10, 2002, Centra Gas Whistler Inc. ("Centra Whistler") applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") to increase its propane commodity charge from \$11.613/GJ to \$12.782/GJ, and to decrease Rider A from \$0.987 per gigajoule to \$0.569 per gigajoule, both effective January 1, 2003 on an interim basis ("the Application"); and
- B. Commission Order No. G-94-02 approved the Application for interim rates, subject to refund after review; and
- C. Commission Order No. G-5-03 established Negotiated Settlement Process; and
- D. Centra Whistler was unable to meet the Notice of Negotiated Settlement Process publication deadline.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission amends Commission Order No. G-5-03 as follows:

- 1. A Negotiated Settlement Process with respect to the Centra Whistler Application will commence at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2003, in Whistler, B.C. at The Coast Whistler Hotel.
- 2. Centra Whistler will publish, in display-ad format, the attached Notice of Negotiated Settlement Process (Appendix A), in local community newspapers in Whistler, B.C. by Friday, February 21, 2003.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of February 2003.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Peter Ostergaard
Chair

Attachment



CENTRA GAS WHISTLER INC.
Application for Approval of 2003 Revenue Requirements
NOTICE OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT PROCESS

THE APPLICATION

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THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Commission Order No. G-94-02 approved the Application for interim rates, subject to refund after review. Therefore, a Negotiated Settlement Process with respect to the Centra Whistler Application will be held, as follows:

Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2003
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: The Coast Whistler Hotel
Salon C
4005 Whistler Way (Lower Village)
Whistler, B.C.

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2003)
Centra Whistler Response to Commission Staff Information Requests	Friday, February 28
Filing of Supplemental Information Requests to Centra Whistler	Friday, March 7
Centra Whistler to respond to Information Requests	Friday, March 14
Negotiated Settlement Process begins (in Whistler)	Tuesday, March 25

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application and supporting material will be made available for inspection at Centra Whistler's Head Office at 1675 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3V3, at its District Office, 8021 Mons Road, Whistler, B.C. and at 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 Intervenors with the Commission, in writing, by Friday, February 28, 2003. Intervenors 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 Friday, February 28, 2003. 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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