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PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OF MANITOBA
400-330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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ATTENTION: Mr. H. M. Singh, Board Secretary and Executive Director

Dear Mr. Singh:

**Re: Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.
2013/14 General Rate Application**

Please find attached nine (9) copies of Volume I of Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.'s ("Centra") 2013/14 General Rate Application ("GRA" or "Application").

Centra is applying to the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba ("PUB") for the following:

- 1) Approval of an approximate 2.0% general revenue increase effective August 1, 2013, sufficient to generate additional revenue of \$6 million and projected net income of \$5 million in 2013/14;
- 2) Approval of adjustments to rates to reflect changes in forecast non-Primary Gas costs, to be effective August 1, 2013;
- 3) Approval of Supplemental Gas, Transportation (to Centra), Distribution (to Customers) Sales and Transportation rates, Basic Monthly Charges, the Primary Gas Overhead rate and the Fixed Rate Primary Gas Service Program Cost Rate, effective August 1, 2013;
- 4) Final approval of gas costs for the period November 1, 2010 to October 31, 2012;
- 5) Final approval of the disposition through rate riders of the various non-Primary Gas Purchased Gas Variance Accounts and other gas cost deferral account balances as at October 31, 2012.

Centra is also requesting various other approvals as set out in the Letter of Application found at Tab 1 of the Application.

Centra has altered the format of its GRA filing materials to more closely resemble the format followed in Manitoba Hydro's General Rate Application. Under this new filing format, Centra continues to include the information that is relevant to its Minimum Filing Requirements, although the distribution of the topics between Volumes I and II will be slightly different from that presented in past regulatory filings.

Centra intends to file Volume II of this Application in February 2013, which will include materials on Centra's customer and volume forecast, rate base and rate of return, gas supply and gas costs, cost allocation, proposed rates and customer impacts, Fixed Rate Primary Gas

Service, proposed changes to the Terms & Conditions of Service, and responses to a number of PUB directives.

Centra's Application does not include any changes to its Primary Gas rates. The setting of Primary Gas rates and rate riders will be dealt with separately as part of the Quarterly Rate Setting Methodology approved by the PUB.

Copies of Centra's submission have also been provided to the PUB advisors. Prior to providing this submission to Interveners of past record, Centra would appreciate the opportunity to discuss possible scheduling alternatives for the hearing of this Application, in light of the upcoming regulatory process associated with electric Cost of Service Study/Rate Design matters. Should you have any questions with respect to this submission or require paper copies, please contact the writer at 204-360-3468 or Greg Barnlund at 204-360-5243.

Yours truly,
MANITOBA HYDRO LAW DEPARTMENT
Per:



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