

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OF MANITOBA

IN THE MATTER OF: *The Public Utilities Board Act (Manitoba); and*

IN THE MATTER OF: An Application by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. for an Order of the Public Utilities Board Approving Rates for the Sale of Supplemental Gas and for the Transportation and Distribution of Gas.

TO: The Executive Director of the
Public Utilities Board of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba

APPLICATION

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3 Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. ("Centra") hereby applies to the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba
4 ("PUB" or "Board") for an Order pursuant to *The Public Utilities Board Act*, for the following:

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6 a) Approval of an approximate 2.0% general revenue increase effective August 1, 2013,
7 sufficient to generate additional revenue of \$6 million and projected net income of \$5
8 million in 2013/14;

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10 b) Approval of adjustments to rates to reflect changes in forecast non-Primary Gas costs, to
11 be effective August 1, 2013;

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13 c) Approval of Supplemental Gas, Transportation (to Centra), Distribution (to Customers)
14 Sales and Transportation rates, Basic Monthly Charges, the Primary Gas Overhead rate
15 and the Fixed Rate Primary Gas Service ("FRPGS") Program Cost Rate, effective
16 August 1, 2013.

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18 d) Final approval of gas costs for the period of November 1, 2010 to October 31, 2012;

- 1 e) Final approval of the disposition through rate riders of the various non-Primary Gas
2 Purchased Gas Variance Accounts (“PGVA”), and other gas cost deferral account
3 balances as at October 31, 2012;
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- 5 f) Final approval of Primary Gas, Supplemental Gas, Transportation (to Centra),
6 Distribution (to Customers) sales rates, and Basic Monthly Charges, effective May 1,
7 2011, which were approved on an interim basis in Order 66/11;
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- 9 g) Final approval of Primary Gas, Supplemental Gas, Transportation (to Centra) and
10 Distribution (to Customers) sales rates, effective May 1, 2012, reflecting the removal of
11 non-Primary Gas rate riders, which were approved on an interim basis in Order 54/12;
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- 13 h) Approval to change the rate setting formula for FRPGS to self-insure the volumetric and
14 market price risk for each subsequent offering;
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- 16 i) Approval to vary Directive 8 of Order 95/00, eliminating the requirement for Centra to
17 submit a feasibility test to the Board for approval prior to commencement and
18 construction of future expansions greater than 500 metres in the Rural Municipalities of
19 Woodlands and Bifrost;
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- 21 j) Final approval of interim Orders 106/10, 20/11, 96/11, 150/11, 7/12, 89/12, and 137/12
22 related to the approval of interim Primary Gas Sales Rates effective November 1, 2010,
23 February 1, 2011, August 1, 2011, November 1, 2011, February 1, 2012, August 1,
24 2012, and November 1, 2012, respectively. Centra is also requesting final approval of
25 any further interim ex-parte Orders related to the approval of Primary Gas Rates issued
26 by the PUB prior to the conclusion of the hearing of this Application;
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1 k) Final approval of interim Orders 80/11, 89/11, 101/11, 132/11, 51/12, 61/12, 67/12,
2 70/12, 85/12, 94/12, and 131/12 related to the approval of new franchise agreements
3 and financial feasibility tests for the expansion of natural gas to the Rural Municipality
4 (“RM”) of Thompson & the RM of Roland, the RM of Portage la Prairie, the RM of
5 Rockwood, the RM of Ste. Anne, the RM of Rosedale, the RM of Whitewater, the RM of
6 Portage la Prairie, the RMs of South Norfolk & Grey, the RM of Ste. Anne, the RMs of
7 Bifrost and Woodlands, and the RM of Woodworth, respectively. Centra is also
8 requesting final approval of any further interim ex-parte Orders related to franchise
9 applications issued by the PUB prior to the conclusion of the hearing of this Application;
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11 l) Approval of changes to the Terms & Conditions of Service, as will be discussed in
12 Volume II of the Application, including updated Activity Rates for chargeable services,
13 changes to Centra’s Customer Equipment Problem Program for Small General Service
14 customers, and the introduction of new charges to recover costs related to third party
15 damages to utility plant, to take effect upon Order of the Board; and,
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17 m) Final approval of any interim rate Orders issued by the PUB subsequent to the filing of
18 the Application and prior to conclusion of this proceeding.
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20 Centra intends to file Volume II of the Application in February 2013, including materials on
21 Centra’s customer and volume forecast, rate base & rate of return, gas supply & costs, cost
22 allocation, proposed rates and customer impacts, Fixed Rate Primary Gas Service, proposed
23 changes to the Terms & Conditions of Service, and responses to a number of PUB directives.
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1 Communication related to this Application should be addressed to Centra in the following
2 fashion:

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13 DATED at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 25th day of January 2013.

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CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.

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Per: M Boyd

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