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

Dear Mr. Singh:

**RE: CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC. (“CENTRA”)
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT APPLICATION**

Please find attached seven (7) copies of Centra’s Franchise Agreement Application.

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

- a) An Order pursuant to Subsection 9(4) of *The Greater Winnipeg Gas Distribution Act* (the “Act”) for approval of alterations in, and additions to, the Schedule of the Act as negotiated between Centra and the Greater Winnipeg Gas Distribution Negotiating Committee;
- b) An Order pursuant to Subsection 4(3) of the Act requesting the PUB to include the Rural Municipality of Headingley (“RM of Headingley”) as a municipality of Greater Winnipeg in order to formalize Centra’s franchise rights in the RM of Headingley under the Act; and,
- c) An Order pursuant to Sections 89 and 129 of *The Public Utilities Board Act* for approval to vary the generic form of franchise agreement (the “Generic Agreement”) in order to clarify certain sections and to improve the consistency between the Generic Agreement and the Schedule of the Act.

Under separate cover, Centra will provide for the approval of the PUB, a draft timetable with respect to Centra’s Franchise Agreement Application, which proposes that the Pre-Hearing Conference to establish a timetable for the orderly exchange of information be held on September 23, 2011.

Copies of Centra’s submission have also been provided to the PUB advisors. We will await the direction of the PUB with respect to distribution of this Application to interested parties. Should you have any questions regarding this submission please contact the writer at 360-3257 or Greg Barnlund at 360-5248.

Yours truly,

MANITOBA HYDRO LAW DEPARTMENT

Per:



Brent Czarnecki

Barrister and Solicitor

cc: Mr. B. Peters, Fillmore Riley
Mr. R. Cathcart, Cathcart Advisors Inc.
Mr. B. Ryall, Energy Consultants Inc.

Att.