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Via Email

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Dear Sir:

RE: Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. – 2015/16 Cost of Gas Application

LEGAL ASSISTANT:

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Further to my letter of yesterday's date, I am attaching herewith a Litigation Budget Estimate which is obviously subject to change depending upon timing factors and other considerations.

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Yours truly,

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LITIGATION BUDGET ESTIMATE

**Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. 2015/16 Cost of Gas Application -
Intervenor Budget Estimate of Consumers Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. ("CAC")**

DATE: **July 15, 2015**

BUDGET PERIOD: **June 12, 2015 to October, 2015**

Description	D. Tomas Masi Fees @ \$197 per hour	Brian J. Meronek, Q.C. Fees @ \$224 per hour	Disbursements	Explanation
Receive and Review Interim Application; Prepare for all aspects of Interim Application leading up to Board Order 123/14		32*	\$302.00**	Includes inter-office consultations and time spent coordinating and forwarding materials
Review New Application; Determine position regarding disclosure; All communications, meetings and consultations with clients; Communications with Board and Centra concerning process; Drafting amendments to Confidential Information agreements; Reviewing Centra's response		10		Includes all nature of communication and office work relating to initial Application process
Retain and instruct expert		5	\$ 800.00	Disbursements include long distance charges, faxes and couriers and other costs to communicate with consultants
Review unredacted Application, including preparing litigation budget; Review timetable	5	10		
Prepare First Round Information Requests	10	10		
Review answers to First Round Information Requests	10	15		
Supervise Preparation of Responses to Information Requests		5		
Supervise Preparation of Evidence		10	\$ 1,000.00	Includes travel disbursements to Calgary to finalize evidence/cross prep
Review Centra Rebuttal	3	5		
Prepare cross examination and direct examination		30	\$ 500.00	Includes copying materials for cross examination brief of selected documents
Preparation for and attend hearing	30	45		Based on an estimated 4-5 day hearing

Description	D. Tomas Masi Fees @ \$197 per hour	Brian J. Meronek, Q.C. Fees @ \$224 per hour	Disbursements	Explanation
Review Transcripts and Prepare Closing Submission	10	15		
Deliver Closing Argument	5	5	\$ 2,000.00	Cost of electronic transcripts from digitran and photocopies and paper to circulate 20 copies of closing argument brief.
File Management and organization / Post hearing review of decision / Report to client / cost application / organize and close file.		10	\$ 500.00	Summation Blaze scanning charges and photocopying charges related to cost application.
SUB-TOTAL (HOURS)	73	175		
Sub-Total (Fees) at regular hourly rates	\$ 14,381.00	\$ 39,200.00	\$ 5,102.00	
GST	\$ 719.05	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 255.10	
RST	\$ 1,006.67	\$ 2,744.00		
TOTAL	\$ 16,106.72	\$ 43,904.00	\$ 5,357.10	Legal fees and disbursements are consistent with past cost of gas / gas supply hearings.
* Time actually spent				
** Costs actually incurred				
GRAND TOTAL:	\$65,367.82			

LITIGATION BUDGET ESTIMATE - CONSULTANT

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DATE:	July 15, 2015	
BUDGET PERIOD:	June 12, 2015 to October, 2015	
Description	Mark Stauff @ \$192	Explanation
Retainer and instructions from Counsel, Review Interim and New Application provide advice	10	
Prepare First Round Information Requests	20	
Review Information Request Responses	15	
Prepare / revise direct evidence	30	
Respond to Information Requests from parties	15	
Review Rebuttal Evidence of Centra	5	
Prepare for hearing	12	
Attend hearing	15	Includes prep with counsel and meeting with clients
Assist counsel with closing argument	10	
Discussions, meetings and telephone calls with counsel, file management, letters and emails, preliminary opinions and all incidentals related to providing services	10	
SUB-TOTAL (HOURS)	142	
SUB-TOTAL (FEES)	\$ 27,264.00	
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Travel	\$ 1,000.00	Includes estimated travel expenses for air and accommodation for travel from Calgary to Winnipeg
Photocopying, copy paper and long distance telephone charges	\$ 250.00	
SUB-TOTAL (DISBURSEMENTS)	\$ 1,250.00	
TOTAL CONSULTANT FEES & DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 28,514.00	