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**VIA EMAIL**

July 23, 2015

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Dear Mr. Czarnecki:

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

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Upon the Public Utilities Board's ("Board") direction, Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. ("Centra") filed a redacted public version of its 2015/16 Cost of Gas Application on June 12, 2015. The public version of the filing included answers to some of the Information Requests arising from the Interim Application last year that were previously filed in confidence.

The Board is mindful as to the need for transparency with respect to regulatory filings. In the Board's opinion, where substantial portions of a filing are redacted and thus unavailable to the public for review, the need for confidentiality of the redacted portions must be assessed and proven.

As such, it is the Board's intention to review the redactions and, at a preliminary level, assess them against Centra's stated need for confidentiality. If the Board determines that *prima facie*, it appears that redacted portions of the Application or the Information Requests do not meet the stated need for confidentiality, the Board will seek additional written justification from Centra with respect to the need for those portions to be treated as confidential. Alternatively, the Board would accept Centra's consent for those portions to be placed on the public record.

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As you are aware, the Board's Information Requests to Centra were delivered to Centra in confidence on July 20, 2015. It is the Board's expectation that for each Information Request and answer thereto (including those asked by Interveners), Centra will assess the need for confidentiality and file any responses that do not require confidential treatment on the public record.

Yours truly,

*"Original Signed By:"*

Kurt Simonsen  
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