

MANITOBA) Order No. 36/00
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) March 2, 2000

BEFORE: G. D. Forrest, Chairman
D. L. Barrett-Hrominchuk, Member
J. A. MacDonald, Member

**APPLICATION BY TRANSCANADA GAS SERVICES TO
INTERVENE IN AN APPLICATION BY CENTRA GAS
MANITOBA INC. REGARDING RATE MANAGEMENT**

The Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (the Board) received an application for intervenor status from TransCanada Gas Services (TCGS), the "Applicant", to intervene at the public hearing to consider the Application by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. regarding Rate Management.

This Order is issued pursuant to Rule 26 of the Board's Draft Rules of Practice and Procedure.

TransCanada Gas Services

By way of letter dated February 28, 2000 TransCanada Gas Services submitted a late application for

intervenor status. The Applicant does not intend to be an active party and is mainly interested in monitoring the process.

Board Findings

The Board notes that TCGS does not intend to be an active party in the proceeding but is intervening with the intention of monitoring the process only and may present final argument.

The Board notes that the Notice advertising this hearing was published in local newspapers on January 15, 2000 with a deadline for filing an application for intervenor status of January 21, 2000. Pursuant to the Board's instructions Centra Gas advised among others, intervenors of past record of the Hearing by way of a copy of the published Notice and Timetable. The late filing of the application does affect the smooth flow of the hearing process as well as the Board's efficiency in dealing with the matter before it. The Board would encourage the Applicant to discuss with Centra the possibility of being included on a mailing list for such Notices.

The Board will grant intervenor status to the Applicant who may wish to contact the various parties to obtain all pertinent documents.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Intervenor status BE AND IS HEREBY GRANTED to
TransCanada Gas Services.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"G. D. FORREST"

Chairman

"H. M. SINGH"

Acting Secretary

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