

M A N I T O B A) **Order No. 58/00**
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) **April 17, 2000**

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

**AN ORDER APPROVING THE FILINGS PURSUANT TO
BOARD ORDER 19/00**

Background

In Board Order 19/00 The Public Utilities Board (the "Board") approved an application by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. ("Centra") seeking approval of a Western Transportation Service and associated Agency Billing and Collection Service. In granting approval in Board Order 19/00 the Board ordered that Revised Rates and Proof of Revenues effective May 1, 2000 and a Tariff for all incremental costs associated with the provision of ABC Service to be charged to all Agents, Brokers and Marketers ("ABM") be filed with the Board for approval.

Tariff to be Charged to ABMs

On March 24, 2000, Centra submitted its proposed tariff to be charged to all ABMs effective May 1, 2000. Centra

indicated that it had reviewed the matter of costs and concluded incremental costs are relatively minor. Centra proposed to institute a nominal charge of \$0.25 per bill per month. Centra continues to believe that the easiest and least costly approach was to include such costs of service and continue to bill all customers for all services. Centra noted that the only change necessary from the current environment will be the need to develop a method of remitting receipts from customers to brokers. Finally, Centra proposed to allocate this additional "general miscellaneous revenue" to all customers consistent with the way general miscellaneous revenue are currently allocated.

The Board notes that Centra was directed to submit its proposed fees on a cost based method in Order No 19/00. However, the proposal now submitted by Centra does not appear to be as directed. Due to the urgency of the successful introduction of the WTS service, the Board will approve the proposal on an interim basis and review at the next General Rate Application the cost and fee associated with this service.

Therefore, the Board will approve, on an interim basis, the Tariff of \$0.25 per bill per month.

Rates and Proof of Revenue

Centra filed a copy of the Rate Schedules reflecting further unbundling of the bill components effective May 1, 2000 by way of letter dated March 31, 2000. The Board has reviewed the calculation of Impact of Rate Charge by Customer class and is satisfied with the Proof of Revenue.

The Board has also reviewed the Rates as submitted by Centra and will approve the Rates as attached as Attachment "A" to this Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Tariff charged to all ABMs effective May 1, 2000 of \$0.25 per bill per month BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED ON AN INTERIM BASIS.
2. The Revised Rates effective May 1, 2000 and Proof of Revenue as Attachment "A" BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"G. D. FORREST"

Chairman

"H. M. SINGH"

Acting Secretary

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