

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 105/00
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) July 11, 2000

BEFORE: G. D. Forrest, Chairman
R. Mayer, Member
M. Girouard, Member

**APPLICATIONS BY COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY AND
PAPERWORKERS UNION OF CANADA, CONSUMERS'
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (MANITOBA) INC. AND
MANITOBA SOCIETY OF SENIORS, GATEWAY
INDUSTRIES LTD. AND MUNICIPAL GAS, A DIVISION
OF DIRECT ENERGY MARKETING LIMITED TO
INTERVENE IN AN APPLICATION BY CENTRA GAS
MANITOBA INC. REGARDING PRIMARY GAS RATE
CHANGE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2000**

The Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (the "Board") received applications for intervenor status from the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada ("CEPU"), Consumers' Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. and Manitoba Society of Seniors ("CAC/MSOS"), Gateway Industries Ltd. ("GATEWAY") and Municipal Gas ("MUNICIPAL"), a division of Direct Energy Marketing Limited, the "Applicant", to intervene at the public hearing to consider the Application by Centra Gas Manitoba

Inc. regarding Primary Gas Rate Change Effective August 1, 2000.

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

Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada

Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada by way of a completed Intervenor Request Form received June 23, 2000 requested Intervenor status. The Applicant noted the reasons for its intervention are "to gather information so that we may provide one of Manitoba's Gas Industry Major stakeholders viewpoint in order to assist the Manitoba Public Utilities Board with its deliberations in this matter".

The Applicant noted that it does not intend to appear throughout the hearing, participate in the production and testing of evidence or call a witness but will present final argument. The Applicant indicated it did not intend to file for costs.

Consumers' Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc./Manitoba Society of Seniors

Consumers' Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. and Manitoba Society of Seniors by way of a letter dated July 5, 2000 and completed Intervenor Request Form requested intervenor status. The Applicant noted that it

would be making a full intervention on all issues of the Application.

The Applicant also noted that it would be appearing throughout the hearing, participating in the production and testing of evidence and presenting final argument. The Applicant did not indicate whether it would be calling witnesses but did indicate that it would be making an application for costs.

Gateway Industries Ltd.

Gateway Industries Ltd. by way of a completed Intervenor Request Form received July 6, 2000 requested Intervenor Status. The Applicant noted its reason for intervention is to receive all data on the proposed increase to register its concerns on how to sell excess gas under a buy/sell agreement.

The Applicant noted that it intends to appear throughout the hearing and to present final argument. The Applicant will not be calling a witness or applying for costs.

Municipal Gas, a division of Direct Energy Marketing Limited

Municipal Gas by way of a completed Intervenor Request Form received June 23, 2000 requested intervenor status. The Applicant noted that the reasons for its intervention are to monitor the hearing.

The Applicant noted that it intends to appear throughout the hearing, that it may participate in the production and testing of evidence, and present final argument. The Applicant does not intend to call any witnesses or apply for costs.

Board Findings

The Board having considered all of the applications will grant intervenor status to the Applicants. The Board would ask that all parties familiarize themselves with the Board's Draft Rules of Practice and Procedure.

As there will not be a provision in this process for information requests and answers prior to the hearing, the Board will allow the filing of pre-asked questions to be answered during the course of the hearing.

The Board would also ask that all parties be mindful of the scope of the hearing and govern themselves accordingly during the entire process.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Intervenor status BE AND IS HEREBY GRANTED to Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada.
2. Intervenor status BE AND IS HEREBY GRANTED to Consumers' Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. and Manitoba Society of Seniors.

