

**M A N I T O B A** ) **Order No. 107/00**  
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**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT** ) **July 12, 2000**

BEFORE: G. D. Forrest, Chairman  
Ken Collin, Member  
J. A. MacDonald, Member

**APPLICATION BY THE INTERLAKE NATURAL GAS CO-OP  
INC. FOR AN AWARD OF COSTS FOR PARTICIPATING  
IN A HEARING CALLED TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION  
BY CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC. FOR APPROVAL OF  
THE INTERLAKE EXPANSION**

A public hearing was held in Arborg, Manitoba commencing May 10, 2000 to consider issues arising out of an application by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. ("Centra") for approval of the Interlake Expansion Application.

By letter dated June 27, 2000 the Interlake Natural Gas Co-op Inc. (ING) (the "Applicant") filed an application for costs. The total claim for costs is \$14,659.00 comprised of professional fees of \$13,650.00, disbursements of \$53.50 and GST of \$955.50.

The Applicant noted that they had invested resources in the development of the project over five years, working with Centra

to bring natural gas to their communities. The Applicant further noted that they had prepared evidence and responded to intervenor requests within the prescribed deadline. The Applicant also noted that it put forward three witnesses, that it participated in the hearing in a full, reasonable and responsible manner. The Applicant also indicated that it did not have sufficient financial resources to have participated in the hearing to the extent it did.

Centra by way of letter dated July 11, 2000 indicated that they had no comments on the application.

**Board Comments**

The Board notes the Applicant's longstanding involvement in the project. The Board appreciates the ING Co-op's desire to make themselves available to the public and answer questions. The Board notes the contribution of the ING Co-op in providing information of local interest supplementing Centra's presentation. The Applicant represents a group which has a substantial interest in the outcome of the proceedings.

The Board recognizes the contribution made by this Intervenor to the process and in consideration of all of the above would allow the request in whole amounting to \$14,659.00.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Interlake Natural Gas Co-op Inc.'s application for an award of costs be allowed in the amount of \$14,659.00.

2. The costs shall be payable by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. within 30 days of the date of this Order.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"G. D. FORREST"  
Chairman

"H. M. SINGH"  
Acting Secretary

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