MANITOBA) Order No. 46/01)
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) March 13, 2001

BEFORE: G. D. Forrest, Chairman

M. Girouard, Member M. Santos, Member

APPLICATION BY SIMPLOT CANADA LIMITED TO INTERVENE IN AN APPLICATION BY CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC. REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL GAS AND TRANSPORTATION (TO CENTRA) RATES HEARING

The Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (the Board) received an application for intervenor status from Simplot Canada Limited, the "Applicant", to intervene at the public hearing to consider the Application by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. regarding Supplemental Gas and Transportation (to Centra) Rates Hearing.

The Board held a Pre-Hearing Conference on January 16, 2001 and issued Order No. 13/01 granting intervenor status to a number of parties.

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

Simplot Canada Limited

Simplot Canada Limited by way of a fax dated March 9, 2001 requested intervenor status. The Applicant noted that it was intervening "because of the large financial impact this hearing may have on Simplot Canada Limited".

Centra Gas by way of a telephone call on March 13, 2001, indicated that it had no concerns with Simplot's application for intervenor status.

Board Findings

This Applicant is well known to the Board and has been a frequent intervenor in previous Centra hearings.

The Board considered the application and notes that the Applicant is a significant consumer of gas in the Province. The Board will grant intervenor status to the Applicant.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Intervenor status BE AND IS HEREBY GRANTED to Simplot Canada Limited.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"G. D. FORREST"

Chairman

"H. M. SINGH"

Acting Secretary

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Acting Secretary