MANITOBA) Order No. 68/01) THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) April 9, 2001

> BEFORE: G. D. Forrest, Chairman M. Girouard, Member M. Santos, Member

APPLICATION BY CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (MANITOBA) INC./MANITOBA SOCIETY OF SENIORS; MR. GERRY FINKLE AND MUNICIPAL GAS TO INTERVENE IN THE APPLICATION OF CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC. REGARDING PRIMARY GAS RATE CHANGE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2001

The Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (the "Board") received applications for intervenor status from the Consumers' Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc./Manitoba Society of Seniors; Mr. Gerry Finkle and Municipal Gas to intervene at the public hearing to consider the Application (the "Application") of Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. ("Centra") regarding Primary Gas Rate Change Effective June 1, 2001.

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

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

Consumers' Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc./Manitoba Society of Seniors (CAC/MSOS) by way of letter dated April 6, 2001 submitted a completed Intervenor Request Form requesting intervenor status.

As set out in its application CAC/MSOS indicated that it was interested in full intervention on all issues of the Application, that they intend to appear throughout the hearing, to participate in the production and testing of evidence and to present final argument. CAC/MSOS indicated that it did not know if it would be calling a witness at this time. CAC/MSOS will be applying for costs.

Mr. Gerry Finkle

Mr. Gerry Finkle by way of completed Intervenor Request Form received April 5, 2001 requested intervenor status. Mr. Finkle stated that he had various reasons for intervening and indicated that the extent of his intervention in the proceedings was unknown at this time.

Municipal Gas, a division of Direct Energy Marketing Limited

Municipal Gas by way of letter dated April 2, 2001 submitted a completed Intervenor Request Form requesting intervenor status.

As set out in its application Municipal Gas indicated that it was interested in all issues relating to the Application, that they intend to appear throughout the hearing, to participate in the production and testing of evidence and to present final argument. Municipal indicated its intention to call three witnesses and that it would not be applying for costs.

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BOARD FINDINGS

The Board considered these applications for intervenor status and is prepared to approve such requests.

Further, those parties providing evidence are requested to advise the Board of their intentions at the earliest opportunity and certainly in compliance with the timetable attached.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Intervenor status be awarded to:
 - a) Consumers' Association of Canada
 (Manitoba)/Manitoba Society of Seniors
 Inc.;
 - b) Mr. Gerry Finkle;
 - c) Municipal Gas.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

<u>"G. D. FORREST"</u> Chairman

<u>"H. M. SINGH"</u> Acting Secretary

> Certified a true copy of Order No. 68/01 issued by The Public Utilities Board