

MANITOBA) Order No. 79/02
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) May 3, 2002

Before: G. D. Forrest, Chairman
M. Girouard, Member
Mario Santos, Member

**APPROVAL OF INTERIM PRIMARY GAS SALES
RATES TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR ALL GAS
CONSUMED ON AND AFTER MAY 1, 2002,
PURSUANT TO BOARD ORDER 77/02**

On May 3, 2002, The Manitoba Public Utilities Board (“the Board”), in Order 77/02, directed Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (“Centra”) to file revised rate schedules and customer impact calculations for rates to be effective for all gas consumed on and after May 1, 2002, to reflect the following:

1. Forward market price strip at April 17, 2002 close,
2. Disposition of revised April 30, 2002 estimated Primary Gas Purchase Gas Variance account balance over 12 months,
3. Removal of existing rate riders from Supplemental Gas, Transportation and Distribution Rates pursuant to Board Orders 91/01 and 94/01, and
4. Implementation of Supplemental Gas, Transportation and Distribution Rate Riders to reflect a refund to customers of the March 31, 2002 balances in these deferral accounts over 12 months, together with interest.

Centra filed the required information on May 3, 2002. The Board has reviewed this material and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of Order 77/02 in all material respects. The Board will therefore approve the rate schedules as filed by Centra.

The following table shows the estimated increase in annual gas bills for the various customer classes, relative to the February 1, 2002 billed sales rates.

Customer Class	Low	High
SGS	8.3%	9.7%
LGS	8.2%	10.5%
HVF	14.2%	15.1%
Mainline	14.9%	17.3%
Interruptible	3.8%	4.1%

The following table provides a summary of annual customer bills for the typical residential consumer, based on 12-month forward estimated gas costs (including price management activities), and corresponding customer impacts for the typical residential consumer.

Date of Rate Change	Annual Customer Bill	Percent Change in Bill
November 1, 2000	\$ 1,123	14.9%
February 1, 2001	\$ 1,381	23.0%
August 1, 2001	\$ 1,233	-3.4%
November 1, 2001	\$ 1,147	-6.9%
February 1, 2002	\$ 1,124	-2.0%
May 1, 2002	\$ 1,225	9.0%

The 12-month forward price strip including price management impacts ranged from a low of \$3.812/Gj in February 2002 to a February 1, 2001 high of \$9.251/Gj, with the May 1, rates based on a price of \$5.084/Gj. The May 1, 2002 billed rates reflect a Primary gas cost and Primary Gas PGVA rate rider in the amount of \$0.1956 per cubic metre. The total billed rate including the PGDA rate rider is \$0.2319 per cubic metre.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERD THAT:

1. The Schedule of Rates attached to this Order as Appendix "A" BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED on an interim basis.
2. This Interim Order shall be in effect until confirmed or otherwise dealt with by a future Order of the Board.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"G. D. FORREST"

Chairman

"H. M. SINGH"

Acting Secretary

Certified a true copy of Order No. 79/02
issued by The Public Utilities Board

Acting Secretary

CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.
Schedule of Sales and Transportation Services and Rates

IX. RATE SCHEDULES (BASE RATES ONLY - NO RIDERS)

CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.
Firm Sales and Delivery Services*
1998 Test Year Annualized Rate Schedule (Base Rates)

TERRITORY: Entire natural gas service area of Company, including all zones.
 AVAILABILITY:
 SGC: For gas supplied through one domestic-sized meter.
 LGC: For gas delivered through one meter at annual volumes less than 680,000 m³.
 HVF: For gas delivered through one meter at annual volumes greater than 680,000 m³.
 MLC: For gas delivered through one meter to consumers served from the Transmission system.
 Special Contract: For gas delivered under the terms of a Special Contract with the Company.

RATES:

	Transportation To <u>Centra</u>	Distribution to Customer <u>(T-Service)</u>	Primary Gas Supply	Supplemental Gas Supply¹
Basic Monthly Charge: (\$/month)				
Small General Class (SGC)	N/A	\$10.00	N/A	N/A
Large General Class (LGC)	N/A	\$70.00	N/A	N/A
High Volume Firm Class (HVF)	N/A	\$758.24	N/A	N/A
Main Line Class (MLC)(Firm and Special Contract	N/A	\$1,233.71 \$89,797.82	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
Monthly Demand Charge: (\$/m³/mo.)				
High Volume Firm Class (HVF)	\$0.2197	\$0.1244	N/A	N/A
Main Line Class (MLC)(Firm Supply Only)	\$0.4637	\$0.0995	N/A	N/A
Main Line Class (MLC)(Interruptible Supply)	\$0.2081	\$0.0995	N/A	N/A
Special Contract	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commodity Volumetric Charge: (\$/m³)				
Small General Class (SGC)	\$0.0465	\$0.0733	\$0.1974	\$0.3125
Large General Class (LGC)	\$0.0464	\$0.0264	\$0.1974	\$0.3125
High Volume Firm Class (HVF)	\$0.0230	\$0.0107	\$0.1974	\$0.3125
Main Line Class (MLC)(Firm Supply Only)	\$0.0065	\$0.0019	\$0.1974	\$0.3125
Main Line Class (MLC)(Int. Supply Only)	\$0.0059	\$0.0019	\$0.1974	\$0.2637
Special Contract	N/A	\$0.0019	N/A	N/A

¹ Supplemental Gas is mandatory for all Customers except T-Service.

MINIMUM MONTHLY BILL: Equal to the Basic Monthly Charge as described above, plus Demand Charge as appropriate.

EFFECTIVE: Rates to be charged for all billings based on gas consumed on and after May 1, 2002

- Including Firm Mainline Delivery combined with Interruptible Supply

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Supersedes Board Order # 15/02		Supersedes: February 1, 2002 Base Rates

CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.
Schedule of Sales and Transportation Services and Rates

Interruptible Sales and Delivery Services
1998 Test Year Annualized Rate Schedule (Base Rates)

TERRITORY: Entire natural gas service area of Company, including all zones.

AVAILABILITY: For any Consumer at one location whose annual natural gas requirements equal or exceed 680,000 m³ and who contracts for such service for a minimum of one year, or who received Interruptible Service continuously since December 31, 1996. Service under this rate shall be limited to the extent that the Company considers it has available natural gas supplies and/or capacity to provide delivery service.

RATES:

	Transportation To <u>Centra</u> N/A	Distribution to Customers <u>(T-Service)</u> \$855.39	Primary <u>Gas Supply</u> N/A	Supplemental <u>Gas Supply</u>¹ N/A
Basic Monthly Charge: (\$/month)				
Monthly Demand Charge: (\$/m³/month)				
Interruptible Service	\$0.0823	\$0.0708	N/A	N/A
Commodity Charge: (\$/m³)				
Interruptible Service	\$0.0133	\$0.0069	\$0.1974	\$0.2637

Alternate Supply Service:

Gas Supply (Interruptible Sales and Mainline Interruptible)	Negotiated Cost of Gas
Delivery Service - Interruptible Sales	\$0.0093
Delivery Service - Mainline Interruptible Sales	\$0.0052

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X. RATE SCHEDULES – ANNUAL RATES (BASE RATES PLUS RIDERS)

CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.
Firm Sales and Delivery Services*
1998 Test Year Billed Rate Schedule (Base Rates plus Riders)

TERRITORY: Entire natural gas service area of Company, including all zones.
AVAILABILITY:
SGC: For gas supplied through one domestic-sized meter.
LGC: For gas delivered through one meter at annual volumes less than 680,000 m³.
HVF: For gas delivered through one meter at annual volumes greater than 680,000 m³.
MLC: For gas delivered through one meter to consumers served from the Transmission system.
Special Contract: For gas delivered under the terms of a Special Contract with the Company.
RATE:

	<u>Transport To Centra</u>	<u>Distribution to Customers</u>		<u>Primary Gas Deferral Rider</u>	<u>Primary Gas Supply</u>	<u>Supplemental Gas Supply¹</u>
		<u>Sales Service</u>	<u>T Service</u>			
Basic Monthly Charge: (\$/month)						
Small General Class (SGC)	N/A	\$10.00	\$10.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Large General Class (LGC)	N/A	\$70.00	\$70.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
High Volume Firm Class (HVF)	N/A	\$758.24	\$758.24	N/A	N/A	N/A
Main Line Class (MLC)(Firm and Int.)	N/A	\$1,233.71	\$1,233.71	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Contract	N/A	N/A	\$27,723.70	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monthly Demand Charge: (\$/m³/mo.)						
High Volume Firm Class (HVF)	\$0.3686	\$0.1247	\$0.1247	N/A	N/A	N/A
Main Line Class (MLC)(Firm Supply Only)	\$0.5239	\$0.0995	\$0.0995	N/A	N/A	N/A
Main Line Class (MLC)(Interruptible Supply)	\$0.2683	\$0.0995	\$0.0995	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Contract	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commodity Volumetric Charge: (\$/m³)						
Small General Class (SGC)	\$0.0459	\$0.0698	\$0.0698	\$0.0363	\$0.1956	\$0.1737
Large General Class (LGC)	\$0.0466	\$0.0229	\$0.0229	\$0.0363	\$0.1956	\$0.1737
High Volume Firm Class (HVF)	\$0.0267	\$0.0090	\$0.0090	\$0.0363	\$0.1956	\$0.1737
Main Line Class (MLC)(Firm Supply Only)	\$0.0077	\$0.0002	\$0.0002	\$0.0363	\$0.1956	\$0.1737
Main Line Class (MLC)(Inter. Supply Only)	\$0.0071	\$0.0002	\$0.0002	\$0.0363	\$0.1956	\$0.0994
Special Contract	N/A	N/A	\$0.0019	N/A	N/A	N/A

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1998 Test Year Billed Rate Schedule (Base Rates plus Riders)

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RATES:

	<u>Transport To Centra</u>	<u>Distribution to Customers</u>		<u>Primary Gas Deferral Rider</u>	<u>Primary Gas Supply</u>	<u>Supplemental Gas Supply¹</u>
		<u>Sales Service</u>	<u>T Service</u>			
<i>Basic Monthly Charge: (\$/month)</i>	N/A	\$855.39	\$855.39	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Monthly Demand Charge: (\$/m³/month)</i>						
Interruptible Service	\$0.1408	\$0.0710	\$0.0710	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Commodity Charge: (\$/m³)</i>						
Interruptible Service	\$0.0120	\$0.0049	\$0.0049	\$0.0363	\$0.1956	\$0.0994
Alternate Supply Service:						
	Gas Supply (Interruptible Sales and Mainline Interruptible)		Negotiated Cost of Gas			
	Delivery Service – Interruptible		\$0.0093			
Sales	Delivery Service - Mainline Interruptible Sales		\$0.0052			

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