

MANITOBA) **Order No. 174/07**
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) **December 31, 2007**

Before: Graham Lane CA, Chairman
Leonard Evans, LLD, Member
Monica Girouard CGA, Member

CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.
AN ORDER OF THE BOARD:

**APPROVING A NEW FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH
THE CITY OF BRANDON**

1.0 Executive Summary

By this Order, the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (Board) approves on an interim ex-parte basis Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.'s (Centra) Application for a new franchise agreement between Centra and the City of Brandon (Brandon), to replace the existing agreement authorized by the Board in 1987.

2.0 The Application

On October 24, 2007, Centra applied to the Board for approval of a new franchise agreement to replace the existing franchise agreement between Centra and Brandon, the existing agreement was last renewed for a new ten-year term in 1997.

Centra's current franchise agreement with Brandon is being replaced with the new generic form of franchise agreement approved by the Board in 1994. The new agreement provides for a term of thirty (30) years, requires Centra to provide seven days notice of its intention to break up (repair or install) streets and frees Brandon of liability in connection to damage done by reason of any repairs or alterations to Brandon's public works.

Brandon gave first reading to By-Law No. 6878 on September 10th, 2007, which authorized Brandon to enter into the franchise agreement with Centra subject to approval of the Board.

3.0 Board Findings

The Board notes that the application was filed in a manner consistent with the Board's requirements for franchise agreements, as approved in Board Order 109/94 dated August 2, 1994. The Board will therefore approve the application on an interim ex parte basis to be confirmed or otherwise at a later date.

4.0 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The new Franchise Agreement between Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. and the City of Brandon. attached as Appendix "A" to this Order, BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED, on an interim ex-parte basis.
2. This interim Order will remain in full effect until confirmed or otherwise by a subsequent Order of the Board.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"GRAHAM LANE, CA"
Chairman

"HOLLIS SINGH"
Acting Secretary

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