



## News Release

### NOTICE OF DECISION

October 30, 2014

By Board Order 123/14, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.'s (Centra) application to increase the current Primary Gas rate from \$0.1551/m<sup>3</sup> to \$0.1665/m<sup>3</sup> effective November 1, 2014. Primary Gas is sold at cost by Centra to Manitoba customers.

The Board also granted a two-year rate rider to recover \$23.3 million of the \$46.7 million Centra spent to supply additional gas to Manitoba customers during the winter of 2013/14. Centra attributes the shortfall of \$46.7 million to extreme weather conditions and volatile natural gas prices experienced during the 2013/14 heating season.

The projected annual bill impact for a typical residential customer as a result of the Primary Gas rate increase and rate riders is an increase of approximately 5% or \$43/year. Primary Gas rates will be reviewed again February 1, 2015.

Primary Gas rates for customers that have signed fixed-term fixed-price contracts, with either Centra or a private broker, are not affected.

Natural gas commodity prices can be volatile. Customers should consider options for reducing their energy consumption including, most importantly, high-efficiency gas-fired furnaces and improved insulation. Manitoba Hydro offers energy efficiency programs, including the Affordable Energy Program, which helps lower-income customers upgrade their insulation and replace natural gas furnaces.

A copy of the Order, which contains significant additional information, may be reviewed on the Board's website [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca), or be obtained through the Board's Office.

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