

News Release

NOTICE OF DECISION

April 23, 2015

By Board Order 43/15, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.'s (Centra) application to decrease the current Primary Gas rate from \$0.1252/m³ to \$0.1183/m³ effective May 1, 2015. Primary Gas is sold at cost by Centra to Manitoba customers.

The typical residential customer's bill will decrease by approximately 1.7% or \$14/year.

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

Primary Gas rates will be reviewed again August 1, 2015.

Natural gas commodity prices can be volatile. Customers should consider options for reducing their energy consumption including, most importantly, high-efficiency gasfired 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 <u>www.pub.gov.mb.ca</u>, or be obtained through the Board's Office.

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