



# News Release

August 2, 2013

## NOTICE OF DECISION

The Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (“Board”) approves revised rates for the sale of natural gas by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (“Centra”) on and after August 1, 2013.

The rates have been set after the Board’s review of Centra’s General Rate Application as well as Centra’s Application for a revised Primary Gas Rate.

In the General Rate Application, the Board reduced the general revenue increase sought by Centra from approximately \$6 million to approximately \$3 million reflecting reductions in the forecast of Finance Expense and the approved level of Net Income.

Centra has also filed an Application to reduce the Primary Gas rate effective August 1, 2013, by approximately 5.6%. The Board approved this reduction in the Primary Gas rate from \$0.1157/m<sup>3</sup> to \$0.1092/m<sup>3</sup> effective August 1, 2013.

The impacts of the Primary Gas rate reduction and also the General Rate Application decisions have been incorporated into the revised rates for Centra. The majority of customers are expected to experience a decrease in their annual bills, as the increase in general revenue approved by the Board is offset by a decrease in the Primary Gas rate.

The impact to the typical residential customer as a result of Order 89/13, including the Primary Gas rate change, is a decrease of approximately 0.2% annually, or \$2.

The combined impacts for larger volume customers range from a decrease of 10.8% to an increase of 0.2%, depending on the customer class and consumption levels. Details are shown below:

Effective August 1, 2013			Annual Bill Increase (Decrease)	
Customer Class	Consumption (m <sup>3</sup> )	Load Factor	Impact	Percentage
Small General Service	1,000	-	(\$1)	(0.2%)
	2,374	-	(\$2)	(0.2%)
	11,300	-	(\$8)	(0.3%)
Large General Service	11,300	-	(\$24)	(0.8%)
	679,900	-	(\$1,441)	(1.1%)
High Volume Firm	850,000	25%	\$435	0.2%
	12,600,000	75%	(\$162,855)	(7.9%)
Mainline	2,833,000	40%	(\$57,106)	(10.8%)
	41,000,000	75%	(\$430,742)	(6.8%)
Interruptible	850,000	25%	(\$1,457)	(1.0%)
	14,164,000	75%	(\$129,560)	(6.3%)
Power Station	15,196,000	16%	(\$598,204)	(97%)
Special Contract	421,289,000	89%	(\$654,707)	(38%)

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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