

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC. (Centra)
2015/16 COST OF GAS APPLICATION

APPLICATION:

On June 12, 2015 Centra filed its 2015/16 Cost of Gas Application seeking the following approvals from the Public Utilities Board (Board):

- 1) Approval of Supplemental Gas, Transportation (to Centra), and Distribution (to Customers) Sales and Transportation rates, effective November 1, 2015;
- 2) Approval of the recovery through rate riders effective November 1, 2015 of a net outlook balance in the prior period non-Primary Gas deferral accounts of \$35.4 million;
- 3) Approval of the continuation of the current temporary rate rider treatment for Interruptible customers that migrate to Firm Service and customers that migrate to or from Transportation Service (“T-Service”) on or after May 1, 2014;
- 4) Final approval of Primary Gas, Supplemental Gas, Transportation (to Centra) and Distribution (to Customers) sales rates effective August 1, 2013, which were approved on an interim basis in Order 89/13;
- 5) Final approval of Transportation (to Centra) and Distribution (to Customers) sales rates effective August 1, 2014, reflecting the removal of non-Primary Gas rate riders expiring on July 31, 2014, which were approved on an interim basis in Order 85/14;
- 6) Final approval of the Transportation (to Centra), and Distribution (to Customers) Sales and Transportation rates, reflecting the implementation of new non-Primary Gas Rate Riders on November 1, 2014, which were approved on an interim basis in Order 123/14;
- 7) Final approval of Distribution (to Customers) Sales rates, reflecting the implementation of new non-Primary Gas Rate Riders on February 1, 2015;
- 8) Final approval of actual gas costs for the 2012/13 and 2013/14 gas years;
- 9) Final approval of Primary Gas Sales Rates and Franchise Application interim ex-parte orders as outlined in the Application; and,

- 10) Final approval of any other interim ex-parte orders issued by the PUB prior to the conclusion of the public review process for this application.

BILL IMPACTS:

The impact of this Application is an increase of approximately 3.2% or \$26 on the annual bill for a typical residential customer. Annual Bills for customers in the Large General Service (LGS), High Volume Firm, Mainline, and Interruptible Customer Classes range from decreases of 1.4% to increases of 7.3%.

It is Centra's intention to update the Application with updated forward market prices prior to the public hearing. The Board will publish a subsequent Notice indicating the approximate bill impacts for the November 1, 2015 rate change, by customer class, once this information is available.

PARTICULARS OF APPLICATION

Particulars of the Application can be obtained by interested parties from:

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The Public Utilities Board
Attention: Mr. D. Christle
400 – 330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0C4
Telephone: (204) 945-2638
Toll Free) (866) 854-3698
Email: publicutilities@gov.mb.ca

An electronic version of the Application is located at Manitoba Hydro's website:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/regulatory_affairs/gas/whats_new.shtml

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION AS
AN INTERVENER**

The public may participate in this review as an Intervener. Interveners provide evidence to the Board and are subject to cross-examination by the Applicant and other Interveners.

Those seeking Intervener status should notify the Board of their intention by applying to the Board Secretary before July 6, 2015. Interveners may be entitled to financial assistance. The Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) provide the related guidelines and application forms. These rules can be seen at the Board's website www.pub.gov.mb.ca or obtained on request to the Board, by emailing (publicutilities@gov.mb.ca), writing to the above address, or calling the Board Secretary (945-2638 or 1-866-854-3698, toll free).

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION AS A
PRESENTER**

The Public is welcome to provide written submissions to the Board on the Application. Written submissions should be received by September 21, 2015. The public may also present their views orally to the Board during the Hearing. Anyone wishing to present oral submissions to the Board should contact the Board Secretary by September 21, 2015.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has recently issued privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the Application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced. The proceedings before the Board are transcribed and the transcript is posted on the Board's web site. Names of Presenters and their written or oral presentations are included in the publicly available transcripts.

**PROCEDURAL
MATTERS:**

The Board will establish a timetable for the orderly exchange of information with respect to this Application following written submissions from interested parties regarding procedural matters.

Centra has filed a portion of its Application with the Board in confidence, due to concerns related to the commercial sensitivity of certain information, including Centra's historical and forecast annual gas supply and gas cost information. The Board will consider granting access to confidential information to interested parties, provided the parties sign an approved form of undertaking of confidentiality or a non-disclosure agreement with Centra. Parties seeking access to commercially sensitive information should apply to the Board explaining their specific reasons for needing such information.

Upon any application to it, the Board may make an Order granting the whole or part only of the Application or may grant such further or other relief in addition to or in substitution for that applied for, as fully and in all respects as if the application had been for such partial, or further or other relief.

DATED this 16th day of June, 2015.

“Original Signed By:”

Kurt Simonsen
Associate Secretary
The Public Utilities Board

Wheelchair access is available



Five days notice required

