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**NOTICE OF INTERIM APPLICATION
FOR NON-PRIMARY NATURAL GAS RATE RIDERS
Effective November 1, 2014**

APPLICANT: Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.

APPLICATION: On July 31, 2014, Centra applied, on an interim basis, for Non-Primary Gas rate riders that would recover \$46.7 million related to Supplemental Gas over a 24-month period starting on November 1, 2014 and refund \$1 million related to other Non-Primary Gas costs over a 12-month period starting on November 1, 2014. Non-Primary Gas is Supplemental Gas required in addition to the "Primary" Gas Centra obtains for its customers in Manitoba and also includes costs associated with transporting natural gas supplies to Centra's system. During the 2014 winter heating season, Centra faced extreme weather and unusual market circumstances which resulted in Non-Primary Gas costs of \$46.7 million owing to Centra. Rate riders are added to Centra's rates either on a volumetric basis or on a monthly demand basis. All customer classes would be subject to the rate riders, although those that utilize Centra's Transportation Service would not be subject to the supplemental gas rate rider.

An electronic copy of Centra's application can be downloaded at https://www.hydro.mb.ca/regulatory_affairs/gas/interim_rates_application_2014/index.shtml

Paper copies can be obtained by contacting:

Centra c/o Manitoba Hydro's Law Division at 360 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 2P4, Tel: (204) 360-3257.

BILL IMPACTS: If granted, for a typical residential customer the rate riders sought by Centra would amount to a 4.6% bill increase for a two-year period, or an additional \$39 for the customer's annual gas bill. For high-volume firm customers, the rate riders could amount to the equivalent of up to a 7-12% bill increase. If the amount sought were to be recovered through a one-year rate rider as opposed to a two-year rate rider, typical residential customers would see an approximate 9.4% bill increase, or an additional \$80 on their annual gas bill. For high-volume firm customers, a one-year bill rate rider would amount to a rate increase of 14-19%.

Current Centra rates can be found on Manitoba Hydro's website at:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/regulatory_affairs/energy_rates/natural_gas/current_rates.shtml

**REVIEW
PROCESS:**

Centra's Application will be reviewed by the Board through a written hearing process with one round of Information Requests followed by written submissions. However, if deemed necessary by the Board following the receipt of answers to Information Requests, the Board will hold a two-day oral hearing on October 2 and 3, 2014.

PARTICIPATION: Parties seeking Intervener status should notify the Board of their intention in writing by **Wednesday, August 27, 2014**. Interveners may be entitled to financial assistance. The Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) provide guidelines which can be seen at the Board's website at www.pub.gov.mb.ca or obtained on request to the Board, by either emailing (publicutilities@gov.mb.ca), writing or calling the Board Secretary (204-945-2638 or 1-866-854-3698, toll free). Parties wishing to make submissions without seeking formal Intervener status during the public review process should also contact the Board Secretary.

Any person who has a concern regarding Centra's Application should write to the Board.

CONTACT

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DATED this 18th day of August, 2014

Hollis M. Singh
Secretary
The Public Utilities Board

Wheelchair access is available



Five days notice required

