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**REMINDER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.
2015/16 COST OF GAS APPLICATION**

APPLICATION:

By Notice of Public Hearing dated June 16, 2015, the public was advised that Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. ("Centra") has applied to the Public Utilities Board ("Board") of Manitoba for approval of new Supplemental Gas, Transportation (to Centra), and Distribution (to Customers) Rates.

On September 11, 2015, Centra updated its original Application to provide its current estimate of non-Primary Gas costs, based on future market prices as of July 31, 2015. Centra's updated Application requests approval of the following:

- 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 \$36.1 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 the 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: If approved by the Board, Centra's updated rates will result in an increase of approximately 3.8% or \$30 on the annual bill for a typical residential customers. Annual Bills for customers in the Large General Service (LGS), High Volume Firm, Mainline, and Interruptible Customer Classes range from decreases of 0.7% to increases of 8.8% depending on the customers' consumption and load characteristics.

PARTICULARS OF APPLICATION: Full particulars of this Application can be obtained by interested parties from:

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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 HEARINGS: On July 17, 2015, the Board issued Order 67/15 setting out a timetable for the orderly exchange of information with respect to Centra's Cost of Gas Application. The public hearings to consider these matters have been scheduled for September 28, 2015 from 9:00am until the conclusion of the public portion of the hearing. The remaining portion of the hearing will be held in closed session to review the commercially sensitive information contained within the application.

The hearing will be held at the Board's offices, 400-330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg.

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 website. Names of Presenters and their written or oral presentations are included in the publicly available transcripts.

**PROCEDURAL
MATTERS:**

The Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) apply to the conduct of the hearing. All interveners should familiarize themselves with the Rules, which can be seen at the PUB's website 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).

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 has been for such partial, or further or other relief.

DATED this 14th day of September, 2015.

"Original Signed By:"

Kurt Simonsen
Associate Secretary
The Public Utilities Board

Wheelchair access is available



Five days notice required

