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## VIA EMAIL & ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW

Public Utilities Board of Manitoba 400 - 330 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3C OC4

Attention: Ms. Rachel McMillin, Assistant Associate Secretary

Dear Ms. McMillin:

Re: Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (Centra) 2019/20 General Rate Application

The Industrial Gas Users (IGU) is in receipt of the Public Utilities Board's (PUB) Order 77/19 dated June 4, 2019 granting IGU experts and legal counsel partial access to the Commercially Sensitive Information (CSI) filed in the Centra Gas 2019/20 General Rate Application.

As a result of the PUB's direction in this regard, IGU's lawyer and consultants were granted access to confidential information relating to Centra Gas' Tab 7, 10 and 11 filings, including relevant information requests. IGU's consultants received the confidential filings by June 10, 2019.

Upon receiving Order 77/19, the writer communicated with Centra requesting whether the Undertaking signed by the writer and attached to the IGU Motion for CSI was satisfactory. Centra responded the next day, on June 5, 2019 that it was the PUB which should be determining whether the form was satisfactory. Accordingly the writer sought, by email dated June 5, 2019, advice from the PUB as to whether the form was satisfactory to it. The writer is awaiting confirmation from the PUB of whether the Undertaking which he has signed is approved by the PUB. Centra will only provide the writer with CSI after receiving PUB confirmation that the writer's Undertaking is satisfactory to the PUB.

With ongoing filing of Round 2 IR responses by Centra Gas until June 14, 2019 IGU hopes to be in a position to file IRs relating to the newly received CSI materials by June 17, 2019. We are advised by the IGU consultants that they do not anticipate filing a large



quantity of IRs in this timeframe and hopefully Centra Gas can respond within 5-7 working days following submission of those CSI IRs.

Unfortunately, the writer is not in a position to commit to any deadlines at this point because he has no idea when he will be allowed to receive and review CSI and the CSI IRs. If the sufficiency of the signed Undertaking was approved the PUB so as to allow the writer to receive the CSI Friday June 14 and review the CSI information on the weekend, meeting the above deadline for filing IRs could be possible.

At this time, it is the request of IGU that the deadline for the filing of evidence, currently set for June 21, 2019 be extended to July 5, 2019, taking into account the statutory holiday, to allow for Centra Gas to respond to the confidential IRs and to allow the writer and IGU consultants time to review and analyze the new information. If the writer is not able to receive and review CSI prior to June 17, 2019 or if Centra Gas requires more time to answer either Round 2 IRs or the Confidential IRs IGU will file, IGU will reassess the situation and, if necessary, request a further extension.

Thank you for your continued consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

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