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Public Utilities Board 400-330 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 0C4

Attention:

Ms. Rachel McMillan, Associate Secretary

Dear Ms. McMillin,

Re: The Consumers Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. (CAC) – Assess to Cost of Service (COS) Model Information regarding Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (Centra) Cost of Service Methodology Review Application (COSMR)

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We have the Board's decision of Order No. 58/22 dated May 31, 2022. We will set aside our disappointment concerning the decision for the time being. Suffice it to say that CAC will not be able to get its evidence in by Friday, June 3, 2022. CAC will be able to do so by next Tuesday and we would ask for an extension to June 7, 2022.

Without repeating the long history of this file, the application was put on hold for several months and was just recently revived. On April 28, 2022, we filed a letter motion to seek the redacted information. Now, after over a month without knowing what the decision was going to be, we are asked to file our evidence within 3 days of the decision. Preparing evidence in advance, without knowing what the decision of the Board would be with respect to the receipt of this information, would have been irresponsible. We do not understand the 11<sup>th</sup> hour urgency at this point in time. Nevertheless, given the decision and the timing, we ask for an extension to June 7, 2022. This is quite a serious matter and the residential consumer should not be handcuffed by such unrealistic deadlines. We look forward to the Board's response.

Yours truly,

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