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Via Email

The Public Utilities Board
226 - 408 York Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 0C4

Attention: Ms. Rachel McMillin, Assistant Associate Secretary

Dear Ms. McMillin,

**Re: Consumers Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. (CAC Manitoba) –
Intention to File Intervenor Evidence in the Centra Rate Re-bundling
Application Process**

In the second procedural decision (Order 77/21, dated July 15, 2021), with respect to the Centra's Rate Re-bundling Application, the Public Utilities Board (PUB) directed that registered intervenors were to advise the PUB whether they intend to file intervenor evidence by no later than August 16, 2021. The PUB also found that the timelines for filing intervenor evidence, posing information requests to intervenors and the filing of any rebuttal evidence from Centra would be scheduled at a later date depending on whether intervenors file evidence.

Firstly, let me apologize for the late filing, but I was away yesterday and unable to submit this letter in time. I would ask for indulgence in the slight delay.

Secondly, and after having the opportunity to review Centra's application in detail and review select information requests responses from Centra that have been recently received over the weekend, CAC Manitoba is now in a position to advise the PUB that it intends to file intervenor evidence in the Centra Rate Re-bundling regulatory process. CAC Manitoba is firmly of the view that it would be beneficial that evidence be adduced on behalf of residential customers in order to ensure the completeness of the evidentiary record for the purposes of final argument and to assist the PUB in its determination of the issues before it in this Application.

In the absence of intervenor evidence, CAC Manitoba advises that its position would be that an oral hearing with the ability to cross exam Centra's witnesses would be required in order to appropriately inform CAC Manitoba's final argument. However, CAC Manitoba is of the view that, with the ability for intervenors to provide evidence to inform the issues

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under consideration, together with the related information requests and Centra rebuttal evidence as contemplated in Order 77/21, and in consideration of regulatory efficiency, that this regulatory process could proceed by way of a written hearing process, without the need for an oral hearing with cross examination.

CAC Manitoba thanks the PUB for the opportunity to provide its position on the regulatory process related to the Centra Rate Re-bundling Application. If there are any questions with respect to this letter, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

DD WEST LLP

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Meronek", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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c.c. PUB Counsel & Approved Intervenors (email)