

April 26, 2022

VIA EMAIL

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-and-

Past Interveners of Record (see attached list)

**Re: Manitoba Hydro's ("Manitoba Hydro") and Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.'s  
("Centra") Proposal for Combined Electricity & Natural Gas General Rate  
Application in the Fall of 2022**

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### Background

The purpose of this letter is to provide your organization with an opportunity to file written comments with the Public Utilities Board ("Board") in respect of Manitoba Hydro's and Centra's April 11, 2022 proposal for a combined electricity and natural gas General Rate Application ("GRA"), to be filed in the fall of 2022.

A copy of Manitoba Hydro's and Centra's April 11, 2022 proposal is attached.

### Written Submissions

In its April 11, 2022 letter to the Board, Manitoba Hydro confirms that it has commenced preparation for the upcoming GRA that it will be filing in the Fall of 2022. While Manitoba Hydro's stated preference is to file a combined GRA for both natural gas rates and electricity rates, the process to consider Manitoba Hydro's combined GRA proposal must not delay the filing of the GRA that seeks to finalize the electricity rates that were approved on an interim basis in Orders 137/21, 140/21, and 9/22.

In its April 11, 2022 proposal, Manitoba Hydro indicates:

- *Manitoba Hydro anticipates that all stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide comments on the combined rate application proceeding including identifying any barriers they foresee such that Manitoba Hydro and the PUB can attempt to find constructive plans and solutions.*

and

- *Manitoba Hydro proposes that the PUB seek brief initial comments from interveners on Manitoba Hydro's request to review and vary Order 85/13 as soon as possible given the quickly approaching Fall 2022 filing date, and thereafter respectfully requests the PUB make an expedited decision on the review and vary.*

The Board, therefore, invites your organization to provide written submissions to assist the Board in its review of Manitoba Hydro's and Centra's proposal. Please include in your written submissions, specific comments as to:

- the advantages of a combined GRA;
- the disadvantages of a combined GRA;
- the process to be followed should the Board approve the request for a combined GRA;
- any alternative approaches to a combined GRA that would lead to more efficient separate GRA processes, should the Board not approve the request for a combined GRA;
- Manitoba Hydro's and Centra's request for the Board to review and vary Order 85/13, a copy of which Order can be located on the Board's website <http://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/pdf/13centra/85-13.pdf>; and
- any other matters related to this proposal that should be brought to the Board's attention.

Stakeholders are aware that the Board reserves its right to seek additional information, including oral evidence and submissions as the Board so determines.

#### Deadline for Submissions

Past Interveners of Record are to provide their written submissions in response to Manitoba Hydro's and Centra's April 11, 2022 proposal for a combined GRA to the Board, and copied to all Parties to whom this letter is sent, by no later than May 10, 2022.

Thereafter, Manitoba Hydro and Centra are to provide its submission in Reply, to new issues raised by Stakeholders, by no later than May 24, 2022.

In the interim, should there be any questions of clarification, please send your written requests to the attention of the writer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R McMillin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rachel McMillin  
Associate Secretary

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Attachments:

1. Manitoba Hydro's and Centra's April 11, 2022 proposal

cc: Shannon Gregorashuk / Ashley Jansen, Manitoba Hydro  
Jessica Carvell, Manitoba Hydro Counsel  
Bob Peters, Board Counsel