



## News Release

### NOTICE OF DECISION

October 29, 2015

By Board Order 108/15, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.'s (Centra) application to decrease the current Primary Gas rate from \$0.1183/m<sup>3</sup> to \$0.1064/m<sup>3</sup> effective November 1, 2015. Primary Gas is sold at cost by Centra to Manitoba customers. The Board also approved rate riders applied to Centra's Supplemental Gas, Transportation and Distribution rates. These rate riders reflect costs to acquire and transport gas to Manitoba forecasted for 2015/16 and the recovery of balances held in deferral accounts amounting to \$36 million owing to Centra.

As a result of these approvals, the projected annual bill for a typical residential customer will increase by approximately 0.7% or \$6/year. Primary Gas rates will be reviewed again for February 1, 2016.

Primary Gas rates for customers that have signed fixed-term fixed-price contracts, with either Centra or a private broker, are not affected.

Natural gas commodity prices can be volatile. Customers should consider options for reducing their energy consumption including, most importantly, high-efficiency gas-fired furnaces and improved insulation. Manitoba Hydro offers energy efficiency programs, including the Affordable Energy Program, which helps lower-income customers upgrade their insulation and replace natural gas furnaces.

A copy of the Order, which contains significant additional information, may be reviewed on the Board's website [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca), or be obtained through the Board's Office.

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