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Dr. D. Christle
Secretary and Executive Director
Public Utilities Board
400-330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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Dear Dr. Christle:

**RE: CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC. ("CENTRA")
Review & Vary Application – Directive 1 of Order 92/24**

On July 30, 2024, the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba ("PUB") issued Order 92/24 regarding Centra's 2024/25 General Rate Application ("GRA") that included the following directive:

"Centra shall file its 2024/25 General Rate Application with the Board on or before August 30, 2024."

Pursuant to section 44(3) of *The Public Utilities Board Act* and rules 36 and 40 of the *PUB's Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Centra requests the PUB review and vary directive 1 of Order 92/24 by substituting the filing date for Centra's GRA from August 30, 2024 to September 30, 2024.

Mr. Allan Danroth joined Manitoba Hydro as its new President and CEO effective August 6, 2024 and is actively working to get acquainted with the organization, staff, the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board and key issues. The brief thirty-day extension of time requested by Centra will provide Mr. Danroth with the opportunity to become informed and engage with the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board on the Corporation's finances and other matters that will be reviewed through the Centra GRA regulatory process.

Additionally, efforts by the provincial government to develop an energy plan (i.e., energy policy) for the province are ongoing and may have implications on the Centra GRA. The energy plan is expected to be finalized by the province in the near-term and its development requires significant attention from staff at Manitoba Hydro who also contribute to the development of

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the GRA. Furthermore, it is anticipated that the energy plan will provide guidance to Manitoba Hydro in relation to both its electric and gas operations and the GRAs for those segments. The requested extension to the filing date for Centra's GRA would allow for the Corporation to consider how the energy policy considerations within the energy plan may impact the Corporation's financial and regulatory outlook prior to the Gas GRA being filed.

Centra submits that the requested brief extension of time for the filing of the Centra GRA from August 30, 2024 as directed by the PUB in Order 92/24 to September 30, 2024 does not result in any material prejudice or irreparable harm to any of Centra's customers or parties who are expected to participate in the proceeding.

For all the above noted reasons, Centra respectfully requests that the PUB grant the relief requested in this review and vary Application.

Should you have any questions with respect to this submission, please contact the writer at 204-360-3257.

Yours truly,

MANITOBA HYDRO LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION

Per:



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