

The Public Utilities Board

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MANITOBA) Order No. 33/97
)
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) April 3, 1997

BEFORE: G. D. Forrest, Chairman
W. E. Chiswell, Member

AMENDMENT TO BOARD ORDER NO. 13/97 APPROVING
RATES FOR THE SALE OF NATURAL GAS AND THE
PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO THE
CUSTOMERS OF CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.

The Manitoba Public Utilities Board (the "Board") issued Board Order No. 13/97, dated March 7, 1997 approving a schedule of rates for Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. ("Centra") for the sale of natural gas and the provision of transportation services. The schedule of rates are in effect from March 1 to December 31, 1997 and were designed to recover the approved 1997 twelve month revenue requirement over the ten month period.

In a letter dated March 25, 1997, Centra informed the Board that rates for those customer classes with a three part rate structure had been improperly calculated. The error was made in not recognizing the difference between the March billing demand required to be used for the balance of the year and the annualized January billing demand which would have been used had the three part rates been implemented on January 1, 1997. As a consequence, the revenues for the balance of the year which would be generated by the demand component of the March 1 rates were overstated. The necessary adjustment in rates reduces the demand units used for billing and the lost revenue is to be recovered by an increase in the commodity component of the bill.

This amendment does not affect the 1997 annualized rates, nor any rate billed pursuant to Order 13/97. Additionally, the amendment does not impact on the Small General Service or Large General Service rate classes, as these classes do not have a demand component in their rates.

The Board notes that the amendment will not result in any change in net revenue to be generated by any of the customer classes affected, namely the High Volume Firm, Mainline and Interruptible and will approve the requested amendment.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The amending Schedule of Rates, attached as Appendix "A" to this Order to be charged by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. for all billings based on gas consumed on and after March 1, 1997 BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED on an interim basis.

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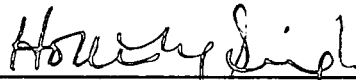
"G. D. FORREST"

Chairman

"H. M. SINGH"

Acting Secretary

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No. 33/97 issued by The Public
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APPENDIX "A"

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CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.

1997 Test Year - Base (Annualized) Rates Plus Riders (Effective March 1, 1997)

| | | Sales Service | T-Service |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Small General Service: | | | |
| Basic Monthly Charge | \$/month | 10.00 | N/A |
| Commodity Charge | \$/m3 | 0.1826 | N/A |
| Large General Service: | | | |
| Basic Monthly Charge | \$/month | 70.00 | 70.00 |
| Commodity Charge | \$/m3 | 0.1377 | 0.0221 |
| High Volume Firm Service: | | | |
| Customer Charge | \$/month | 831.04 | 831.04 |
| Demand Charge | \$/peak m3/month | 0.3902 | 0.1493 |
| Commodity Charge | \$/m3 | 0.1065 | 0.0068 |
| MainLine Firm Service: | | | |
| Customer Charge | \$/month | 1,066.54 | 1,066.54 |
| Demand Charge | \$/peak m3/month | 0.5499 | 0.1195 |
| Commodity Charge | \$/m3 | 0.0645 | 0.0007 |
| MainLine Interruptible Service: | | | |
| Customer Charge | \$/month | 1,066.54 | 1,066.54 |
| Demand Charge | \$/peak m3/month | 0.2675 | 0.1195 |
| Commodity Charge | \$/m3 | 0.0657 | 0.0007 |
| Interruptible Service: | | | |
| Customer Charge | \$/month | 726.73 | 726.73 |
| Demand Charge | \$/peak m3/month | 0.1221 | 0.0481 |
| Commodity Charge | \$/m3 | 0.0884 | 0.0030 |
| Special Contract: | | | |
| Customer Charge | \$/month | | 79,538.67 |
| Commodity Charge | \$/m3 | | 0.0006 |