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Order No. 61/94

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT

April 8, 1994

Before: G. D. Forrest, Chairman
Catherine Milner, Member
W. C. Pearson, Q.C., Member

CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.

**AN ORDER TO ADJUST THE
RATES SET OUT IN BOARD ORDER 11/94**

Order 8/94 dated January 28, 1994 set out the decision of the Public Utilities Board ("the Board") resulting from an application from Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. ("the Company") for an Order approving rates for the sale of natural gas and the provision of transportation services to be effective with respect to all gas consumed on and after January 1, 1994. The Company filed a schedule of rates in response to this Order.

In Order 11/94, dated February 4, 1994 the Board approved the schedule of rates (Schedule "A" of Order 11/94) to be charged by the Company for all gas consumed on and after February 1, 1994. This Order also approved annualized sales rates (Schedule "B" of Order 11/94) to be effective January 1, 1995 if no other rate changes were requested by the Company.

Subsequent to the implementation of these sales rates, the Company notified the Board of an error in its February 1, 1994 rates. This error in rates, if left unchanged, would result in an overcollection of revenue of approximately \$2.3 million to the end of December, 1994.

At the time of the notification of the error, it was the Company's preference that the sales rates remain unchanged and that any excess revenue be placed in an interest bearing account for the benefit of consumers through to year end 1994 with final determinations to be by an Order of the Board at that time.

The Board notified all intervenors of record of the error and of the Company's preferred treatment of the overcollection and requested the views of the intervenors. The Consumers' Association of Canada (Manitoba Chapter) and the Manitoba Society of Seniors, Municipal Gas Company, and the City of Brandon all notified the Board of their views that rates should be changed and refunds provided. The only other intervenor to reply was Simplot Canada Limited which took no position.

The Board received numerous telephone calls, letters, and petitions from concerned consumers seeking a rate change and a refund.

On April 6, 1994 the Board reviewed the error in the rates and the positions of all parties and directed the Company to file revised schedules of sales rates which would correct the error in rates and eliminate any further overcollection for all gas consumed on and after April 1, 1994.

On April 6, 1994 the Company filed a revised schedule of rates and the supporting documentation for all gas consumed on and after April 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994. On April 7, 1994 the Company filed a revised schedule of rates for all gas consumed on and after January 1, 1995.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the revised schedules of rates to be effective for all gas consumed on and after April 1, 1994 and the supporting documentation as submitted by the Company and is satisfied that it properly reflects the Board's decision in Order 8/94. Accordingly, the Board will approve the schedule of rates attached as Schedule "A" to this Order to be effective for all gas consumed on and after April 1, 1994.

At this time, the Board is not prepared to approve the annualized rates submitted by the Company to be effective January 1, 1995. There are a number of issues that the Board may need to address prior to January 1, 1995. Such issues include the status of the Purchased Gas Variance Account, the Company's supply pricing arrangement and the pending decisions of the Board related to the Company's applications for consideration of a Future Test Year and for review of Order No. 8/94.

Accordingly, the rates in Schedule "A", attached to this Order, will expire on December 31, 1994. Rates beyond December 31, 1994 will be dealt with by a further Order of the Board. The rates in Schedule "B" attached to Order No. 11/94 will be rescinded.

The Company is currently updating its records for the March, 1994 billings. Once that update is completed, the Board will review the records of the Company to determine the amount of any overcollection of revenues during February and March of 1994. At the conclusion of this review, the Board will determine the appropriate disposition of any overcollection and the accrued interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Schedule of Rates (including Rate Rider) to be charged by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., attached as Schedule "A" to this Order, for all billings based on gas consumed on and after April 1, 1994 up to and including December 31, 1994 BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED.
2. The Schedule of Annualized Rates (excluding Rate Rider) to be charged by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., attached as Schedule "B" to Order 11/94, for all billings based on gas consumed on and after January 1, 1995 BE AND IS HEREBY RESCINDED.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD


"G. D. FORREST"

Chairman

"D. deGRAFF"

Acting Secretary

Certified a true copy of Order No. 61/94
issued by The Public Utilities Board



Acting Secretary

CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.

**Firm Sales and T-Service
Interim Rate Schedule**

Territory: Entire natural gas service area of the Company, including all zones.

Availability: **SGS** - For gas supplied through one domestic sized meter on a firm basis.

LGS & T-Service - For gas delivered through one meter other than domestic sized meters on a firm basis.

Rate: **Fixed Monthly Charge:**
SGS Sales \$10.00 per Month
LGS and T-Service 50.00 per Month

<u>SGS</u> <u>Sales</u> <u>(/m³)</u>	<u>LGS</u> <u>Sales</u> <u>(/m³)</u>	<u>LGS</u> <u>T-Service</u>
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Categories:

SGS Sales \$0.1860

LGS Sales and T-Service

Class 4		
- 0 to 680,000 m ³ Annually	\$0.1479	0.0316
Class 3		
- 680,000 to 1,700,000 m ³ Annually	0.1459	0.0296
Class 2		
- 1,700,000 to 3,400,000 m ³ Annually	0.1449	0.0286
Class 1		
- Over 3,400,000 m ³ Annually	0.1444	0.0281

Special Contract Fixed Monthly Charge		47,200.00
Special Contract Commodity Charge		0.0016

Minimum Monthly Bill: Equal to the Fixed Monthly Charge as described above.

Late Payment Charge: A late payment charge of 1 1/2% per month shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after each billing due date. The due date will be at least 21 days after the mailing date of the bills.

Effective: Rates to be charged for all billings based on gas consumed on and after April 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994.

CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.

**Interruptible Sales and Interruptible T-Service
Interim Rate Schedule**

Territory: Entire natural gas service area of the Company, including all zones.

Availability: For any customer at one location whose natural gas requirements equal or exceed annual rate of 340,000 m³ and who contract for such service for a minimum of one year. Sales under this rate shall be limited to the extent that the Company considers it has available natural gas supplies.

Service: Shall be agreed upon by contract between customer and Company recognizing, among other factors, the size and characteristic of customer's requirements, amount of facilities required to be constructed by Company, minimum purchase obligation of customer, priority of delivery service, and term of contract. The contract shall be filed with The Public Utilities Board.

Rates:	Categories:	Sales Rates (/m³)	T-Service Rate (/m³)
	Class 4 - 340,000 to 680,000 m ³ Annually	\$0.1226	\$0.0229
	Class 3 - 680,000 to 1,700,000 m ³ Annually	0.1206	0.0209
	Class 2 - 1,700,000 to 3,400,000 m ³ Annually	0.1196	0.0199
	Class 1 - Over 3,400,000 m ³ Annually	0.1191	0.0194
	Peaking Supply - Actual Cost of Peaking Gas Delivered Plus a Delivery Charge of	0.0201	N/A

Late Payment Charge: A late payment charge of 1 1/2% per month shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after each billing due date. The due date will be at least 21 days after the mailing date of the bills.

Effective: Rates to be charged for all billings based on gas consumed on and after April 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994.