

The Public Utilities Board

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MANITOBA) Order No. 94/97
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) December 5, 1997

BEFORE: G. D. Forrest, Chairman
D. L. Barrett-Hrominchuk, Member
W. E. Chiswell, Member

AN ORDER APPROVING INTERIM SALES RATES FLOWING
FROM BOARD ORDER NO. 92/97

1. Board Order No. 92/97

The Manitoba Public Utilities Board (the "Board"), in Board Order 92/97 dated December 4, 1997 issued its decision with respect to the application by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. ("Centra") for the following:

1. The establishment of new interim base sales rates for the sale of natural gas to customers to be effective for all natural gas consumed on or after December 1, 1997.
2. Interim Disposition of the 1997 Purchase Gas Variance Account ("PGVA") and the residual balances of other deferral accounts.

Board Order 92/97 required Centra to file revised rates based on the Board Findings in that Order. The revised rates were to be effective for all billings based on gas consumed on and after December 1, 1997. The Board received Centra's revised rates, in accordance with Board Order 92/97, on December 4, 1997.

2. Board Findings

The Board reviewed Centra's revised rates filed December 4, 1997 and is satisfied that on an interim basis, these revised rates, for all billings based on gas consumed on and after December 1, 1997 should be approved. As these rates are interim, the Board will continue its detailed examination of Centra's filing including at the February 1998 General Rate Application, and if appropriate, make further changes.

3. Actual Customer Class Impacts

The following table sets out the changes in the customer's annual bill as a result of the approval of interim rates effective December 1, 1997. The impacts vary depending on a customer's consumption level as shown in the attached rate schedules.

Rate Impacts - Annual Bill by Consumption Class

Customer Class/ Consumption	Existing Bill	Centra Proposed Bill	Centra Proposed & Change	Board Approved Bill Dec. 1/97	Board Approved & Change
SGS - 2.8 10 ³ M ³	\$637	\$721	13.1%	\$692	8.6%
- 3.7 10 ³ M ³	792	901	13.7%	864	9.0%
- 11.3 10 ³ M ³	2,189	2,522	15.2%	2,409	10.0%
LGS - Low (11.3 10 ³ M ³)	2,400	2,727	13.6%	2,611	8.8%
- High (679.9 10 ³ M ³)	94,458	114,039	20.7%	107,104	13.4%

SGS - Small General Service
LGS - Large General Service

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Schedules of Rates attached, as Appendix "A" and "B" to this Order, charged by Centra for all billings based on gas consumed on and after December 1, 1997 BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED, on an interim basis.
2. This Interim Order shall be in full force and effect until confirmed or adjusted by a further Order of the Board.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"G. D. FORREST"
Chairman

"H. M. SINGH"
Acting Secretary

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No. 94/97 issued by The Public
Utilities Board

H. M. Singh
Acting Secretary

APPENDIX "A"

VIII RATE SCHEDULES (BASE PLUS RIDERS)

CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.
Firm Sales and Delivery Services*

Interim Rate Schedule (Base Rates plus Riders)

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

AVAILABILITY:

SGC: For gas supplied through one domestic-sized meter.

LGC: For gas delivered through one meter at annual volumes less than 680,000 m³.

HVF: For gas delivered through one meter at annual volumes greater than 680,000 m³.

MLC: For gas delivered through one meter to consumers served from the Transmission system.

Special Contract: For gas delivered under the terms of a Special Contract with the Company.

RATE:

Basic Monthly Charge: (\$/month)

	Sales and Delivery	Delivery Service Only	Sales ¹ Service Only	T Service Only
Small General Class (SGC)	\$10.00	\$10.00		\$10.00
Large General Class (LGC)	\$70.00	\$70.00		\$70.00
High Volume Firm Class (HVF)	\$831.04	\$831.04		\$831.04
Main Line Class (MLC)(Firm and Interruptible)	\$1,066.54	\$1,066.54		\$1,066.54
Special Contract				\$79,338.67

Monthly Demand Charge: (\$/m³/mo.)

High Volume Firm Class (HVF)	\$0.3902	\$0.1493	\$0.2409	\$0.1493
Main Line Class (MLC)(Firm Supply Only)	\$0.5499	\$0.1195	\$0.4304	\$0.1195
Main Line Class (MLC)(Interruptible Supply Only)	\$0.2673	\$0.1195	\$0.1480	\$0.1195
Special Contract	N/A	N/A		N/A

Commodity Charge: (\$/m³)

Small General Class (SGC)	\$0.2020	N/A	N/A	N/A
Large General Class (LGC)	\$0.1563	\$0.0256	\$0.1307	\$0.0256
High Volume Firm Class (HVF)	\$0.1230	\$0.0099	\$0.1131	\$0.0099
Main Line Class (MLC)(Firm Supply Only)	\$0.0935	\$0.0007	\$0.0928	\$0.0007
Main Line Class (MLC)(Interruptible Supply Only)	\$0.0948	\$0.0007	\$0.0941	\$0.0007
Special Contract	N/A	\$0.0006	N/A	\$0.0006

¹ Sales Service Only is not available as an independent service - it is available only in conjunction with Delivery service (see Sales and Delivery column).

MINIMUM

MONTHLY BILL: Equal to the Basic Monthly Charge as described above, plus Demand Charge as appropriate.

EFFECTIVE: Rates to be charged for all billings based on gas consumed on and after December 1, 1997.

* Including Firm Mainline Delivery combined with Interruptible Supply

Approved by Board Order #	Effective from: December 1, 1997	Date Implemented: December 1, 1997
Supersedes Board Order # 13/97		Supersedes: Mar. 1, 1997 Interim Rates

APPENDIX "B"

CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.
Interruptible Sales and Delivery Services
Interim Rate Schedule (Base Rates plus Riders)

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

AVAILABILITY: For any Consumer at one location whose annual natural gas requirements equal or exceed 680,000 m³ and who contracts for such service for a minimum of one year, or who received Interruptible Service continuously since December 31, 1996. Service under this rate shall be limited to the extent that the Company considers it has available natural gas supplies and/or capacity to provide delivery service.

RATES:

	<u>Sales and Delivery</u>	<u>Delivery Service Only</u>	<u>Sales¹ Service Only</u>	<u>T Service Only</u>
<i>Basic Monthly Charge: (\$/month)</i>	\$726.73	\$726.73		\$726.73
<i>Monthly Demand Charge: (\$/m³/month)</i>				
Interruptible Service	\$0.1221	\$0.0481	\$0.0740	\$0.0481
<i>Commodity Charge: (\$/m³)</i>				
Interruptible Service	\$0.1055	\$0.0042	\$0.1013	\$0.0042
Alternate Supply Service:				
Gas Supply (Interruptible Sales and Mainline Interruptible)			Negotiated Cost of Gas	
Delivery Service - Interruptible Sales		\$0.0112		\$0.0112
Delivery Service - Mainline Interruptible Sales		\$0.0007		\$0.0007

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