

News Release

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NOTICE OF DECISION

Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. Rate Application

The Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (PUB) has approved the revised rates for the sale of natural gas by Centra resulting from the 2019/2020 General Rate Application and approved the application to increase the current Primary Gas rate from \$0.0852/m³ to \$0.0910/m³. Together, these approvals result in new consumer rates by Centra effective November 1, 2019.

The combined impacts of the Primary Gas rate change and decisions in Board Order No. 152/19 result in a number of customer classes receiving annual bill decreases.

For a typical residential customer, the combined impact of the Primary Gas rate and the changes flowing from Board Order No. 152/19 is an annual bill decrease of 18.7% (or \$127) per year.

Primary Gas is sold on a cost recovery basis without markup by Centra to Manitoba customers. Primary Gas rates for customers that have signed fixed-term fixed-price contracts, with either Centra or a private broker, are not affected.

The PUB is an independent, quasi-judicial administrative tribunal that has broad oversight and supervisory powers over public utilities and designated monopolies, as set out in statute. The PUB considers both the impact to customers and financial requirements of the utility in approving rates.

Board Order No.161-19, contains additional information on the general rate application and the Board's decision. The Order is available on the Board's website at www.pubmanitoba.ca, or through the Board's Office.

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