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Mr. D. Christle Secretary and Executive Director Public Utilities Board 400-330 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0C4

Dear Mr. Christle:

RE: CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC. ("CENTRA") 2019/20 GENERAL RATE APPLICATION – RESPONSES TO INFORMAITON REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL FILINGS

Enclosed are Centra's responses to 887 of the 984 Information Requests ("IR") of the Public Utilities Board ("PUB"), the Consumers Association of Canada (Manitoba), the Industrial Gas Users, Koch Fertilizer Canada, ULC, TransCanada PipeLines Limited, and Unifor Local 681, with respect to Centra's 2019/20 General Rate Application ("Application").

Centra anticipates filing the remaining IR responses by Wednesday May 15, 2019 but no later than Friday, May 17, 2019, and herein seeks the confirmation of the PUB for this requested short extension of time.

In accordance with the PUB's ruling in its letter of February 26, 2019, Centra is filing responses to Information Requests containing commercially sensitive information with the PUB in confidence and has enclosed public redacted versions. Throughout the Information Request responses, commercially sensitive information has been redacted and Centra has inserted codes corresponding to the Redaction Criteria Centra has consistently used in this Application. Consistent with the original Application, Centra has not provided redaction codes for IRs related to Tab 9 materials as these are filed in confidence in their entirety.

At the time of filing its Application on November 30, 2018, Centra committed to providing detailed monthly Capacity Management reporting for the 2017/18 Gas Year, which had not concluded at the time of drafting. Please find enclosed as Appendix 8.9 of the Application, the 2017/18 Gas Year Capacity Management Reporting document.

On November 30, 2018, Centra filed its Application, which included as Appendix 5.12 Centra's

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total Cost of Service for 2011/12 to 2019/20. Appendix 5.12 was updated in the Supplement filed March 22, 2019. Figure 4 of Appendix 5.12 incorrectly included applied for figures in the "2013/14 Approved" column. Enclosed please find an updated Figure 4 of Appendix 5.12 which corrects this error.

In accordance with the timetable approved by the PUB in Order 24/19, Centra is scheduled to file a Pre-hearing Update on July 24, 2019. Centra's Pre-hearing Update will include updated information on actual and forecast gas costs, and as noted on page 2 of the Supplement to the Application filed on March 22nd, Centra intends to amend its Application to request approval of the disposition of its non-Primary Gas deferral account balances for the 2018/19 Gas Year through rate riders, as well as updated base rates reflecting the forecast of non-Primary Gas costs for the 2019/20 Gas Year. The 2019/20 Gas Year gas cost forecast will include costs associated with the arrangements detailed in Tab 9 of the Application, lower tolls on the TCPL Mainline (as discussed in the Supplement to Centra's 2019/20 GRA), as well as other changes associated with Centra's portfolio arrangements and forecast volumes. Centra wishes to advise parties that it expects to file its Pre-hearing Update the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> in advance of the potential *in camera* hearing on Tab 9 issues. In order to accommodate an earlier filing of the Pre-hearing Update, the 2018/19 Gas Year gas cost forecast will include actuals to March (versus April as originally indicated) and forecast information to October 31, 2019.

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

Yours truly,

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