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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OF MANITOBA
400-330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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ATTENTION: Dr. D. Christle, Board Secretary and Executive Director

Dear Dr. Christle:

**RE: CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC. ("CENTRA")
REVIEW & VARY APPLICATION – DIRECTIVE 3(c) OF ORDER 130/20**

Directive 3(c) of Order 130/20 requires Centra to update the Public Utilities Board ("PUB") within five business days of March 15, 2021 on the progress of the consultant's report on Centra's COSS methodology. As confirmed by the PUB, the expectation is that the report is to be submitted to Centra only by March 15th to provide Centra with approximately six weeks to formulate its position on the consultant's findings and recommendations for inclusion in the COSS filing.

On March 9, 2021, Centra advised the PUB that the consultant, Atrium Economics L.L.C. ("Atrium") would not be in position to provide its completed report to Centra on March 15, 2021. Centra is impressed with Atrium's level of knowledge and expertise, which includes direct experience with Centra's cost allocation model. It is evident by Atrium's questions and preliminary comments that in performing its independent and objective review of Centra's COSS methodology, they are challenging existing practices with an aim toward confirming whether or not the existing methodology is appropriate and/or identifying potential alternatives.

Atrium representatives have advised that the earliest they would be in position to communicate their initial findings and recommendations would be the first week of April 2021. This additional time is required for Atrium to properly perform the independent and comprehensive review of Centra's COSS in a fulsome and complete manner, as expected by the PUB, Centra and other interested parties.

As such, pursuant to sections 44 and 129 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, Centra requests the PUB to review and vary Directive 3(c) of Order 130/20 by varying the date for the provision of Atrium's report to Centra from March 15, 2021 to April 7, 2021. In furtherance of this request, Centra undertakes to provide the PUB with an update on or around April 7, 2021 as to the status of Atrium's report and the expected time required by Centra to complete its evaluation of any proposed recommendations in order to file a complete application.

Should you have any questions with respect to this submission, please contact the writer at 204-360-3257 or Darryl Martin at 204-360-4487.

Yours truly,

MANITOBA HYDRO LEGAL SERVICES

Per:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brent Czarnecki', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Brent Czarnecki
Barrister & Solicitor

cc: Bob Peters, PUB Counsel