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

Dear Mr. Christle:

**Re: Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (“Centra”)
2015/16 Cost of Gas Application- Redacted Version**

On May 25, 2015, Centra filed its entire 2015/16 Cost of Gas Application (“Application”) with the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (“PUB”) in confidence pursuant to Rule 13 of the PUB’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

In correspondence dated June 2, 2015, the PUB acknowledged that Centra may have a legitimate claim for confidentiality over portions of the Application and requested Centra to file a redacted public version of the Application to be made publicly available.

Please find attached nine (9) copies of a redacted public version of the Application, as well as responses to Information Requests from the Interim Application for Non-Primary Gas Rate Riders Effective November 1, 2014 (“Interim Application”). Also attached, are copies of Appendices 7.3 and 7.4 of the Application, which form Centra’s response to Directive 3 of Order 112/12. These reports are filed in confidence on blue paper and can be placed behind the corresponding tabs in the hard copies of this Application. In accordance with PUB direction, Centra has redacted the commercially sensitive information related to its gas supply, storage and transportation transactions, commercial arrangements, and operations, as well as actual natural gas consumption information.

The PUB noted that it would commence the review process after the public version of the Application was filed with the PUB, and that it would consider granting interested parties access to confidential information provided they sign an approved form of undertaking of confidentiality or non-disclosure agreement with Centra. As requested by the PUB, enclosed is Centra’s proposed form of undertaking of confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement, which Centra understands is the same (or similar) form to that was adopted and used by the PUB for Manitoba Hydro’s Needs For and Alternatives To proceeding. Centra notes and appreciates the PUB’s intention for Centra to provide responding submissions regarding the appropriateness of the PUB granting access to approved interveners who request access to Centra’s confidential information.

Centra is also enclosing, for the PUB's approval, a draft Public Notice for this Application and proposed timetable for the orderly exchange of information. Given that Centra has filed responses to information requests from the Interim Application in this proceeding, the proposed timetable contemplates a single round of IRs. Manitoba Hydro has proposed five weeks to respond to IRs in order to accommodate known scheduling constraints over the summer months. In efforts to further regulatory efficiency, Centra is prepared to address any procedural matters in writing if such an approach is preferable to the PUB and interested parties. Accordingly, the proposed timetable does not include an oral procedural conference.

Centra remains available to further discuss the regulatory review process for this Application with the PUB and the potential involvement of intervenors in this proceeding, given the confidential information contained within the Application and the resultant harm to Centra and its ratepayers if the confidential information were to be disclosed publically.

Should you have any questions with respect to this submission or require paper copies, please contact the writer at 204-360-3468 or Greg Barnlund at 204-360-5243.

Yours truly,

MANITOBA HYDRO LAW DIVISION

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Att.