

M A N I T O B A

Order No. 101/11

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT

August 4, 2011

Before: Graham Lane CA, Chairman
Len Evans LL.D., Member
Monica Girouard, Member

**CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.: FRANCHISE APPLICATION
(THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD)**

1.0 Summary

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves on an interim ex parte basis Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.'s (Centra) Application for an amendment to the franchise agreement between Centra and the Rural Municipality of Rockwood (Rockwood).

2.0 Application

On July 27, 2011, Centra, both on its own behalf and on behalf of Rockwood applied to the Board, requesting:

1. Approval and authorization of an amendment to the franchise agreement between Centra and Rockwood; and
2. Approval of the financial feasibility test for the extension of natural gas to service to one agricultural customer within the proposed expansion area located in the RM of Rockwood.

The amendment would expand the franchise area to facilitate the servicing of a single agricultural customer in Rockwood. The proposed system extension will involve the installation of approximately 4485 m of 60.3 mm polyethylene main (to connect to an existing 88.9 mm gas transmission pipeline located in Rockwood).

The new franchise area is for the sections of land on either side of the proposed new distribution line in Rockwood.

The proposed new franchise area comprises the following sections:

- Sections 29-32, Township 16, Range 3, EPM; and
- Sections 5 and 6, Township 17, Range 3 EPM

Rockwood gave first reading to By-law No. 15/11, authorizing an Amending Agreement for the purpose of granting an additional franchise for the supply of natural gas to Rockwood.

3.0 Board Findings

The Board notes the Application was filed consistent with the Board's requirements (as established in Board Order 109/94). The Board also notes that the feasibility test and resulting customer contribution are in accordance with the Board's approved methodology.

Accordingly, the Board will approve the Application.

Board decisions may be appealed either in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of *The Public Utilities Board Act* or reviewed in accordance with Section 36 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules). The Board's Rules may be viewed on the Board's website at www.pub.gov.mb.ca.

4.0 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The amendment to the Franchise agreement between Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. and the Rural Municipality of Rockwood (as attached as Appendix "A" of this Order) BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED on an interim ex parte basis;
2. The financial feasibility test for the extension of natural gas service to one agricultural customer within the proposed expansion area in the Rural Municipality of Rockwood BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED, also on an interim ex parte basis; and
3. This interim Order will remain in full effect until confirmed or otherwise by a subsequent Order of the Board.

The Public Utilities Board

"GRAHAM LANE CA"
Chairman

"KURT SIMONSEN P.Eng."
Acting Secretary

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