

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Interlake Natural Gas Expansion Project  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** Two  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Transportation and Transmission -  
Pipelines  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 4493.00

### **OVERVIEW:**

The Proposal was received on December 23, 1999. It was dated December 21, 1999. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. for the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline systems to service the communities of Riverton, Arborg, Teulon and Warren. Steel transmission pipeline from three inches to six inches in diameter would be installed primarily in road and highway rights-of-way, with the potential for a short length to be installed on easement. Proposed routes between existing pipelines and the communities are as follows:

- Riverton: from the Gimli Town Border Station, west one mile to PTH 8, then north along PTH 8 to Riverton.
- Arborg: from the proposed Riverton line at PTH 8, west along PTH 68 to Arborg.
- Teulon: from the existing pipeline northeast of Netley in NW 23-16-4E, west along municipal right-of-way and PTH 17 to Teulon.
- Warren: from the Stonewall Town Border Station, west along PTH 67 to Warren.

Construction is proposed to begin in June, 2000.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Selkirk Journal, Stonewall Argus and Interlake Spectator on Monday, January 10, 2000. It was placed in the Environment Library, Centennial Public Library, Eco-Network and Selkirk Community Library public registries. The Proposal was distributed to TAC members on January 6, 2000. The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was February 9, 2000.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No public responses were received.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

**Manitoba Conservation - Water Quality Management** - The Proposal indicates that where possible, the pipes will be pushed or bored under watercourses and this would be

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appropriate. However, the Proposal also indicates that open cut crossings may be considered. If this becomes an issue, open cuts should only be allowed with the written permission of the Director. Also, post construction activities should include such items such as the replacement of topsoil and reseeding of trenched and other exposed areas.

Disposition:

These comments can be addressed as licence conditions.

**Manitoba Conservation – Policy Coordination** - Care should be taken particularly where the pipeline is installed in the road right-of-way immediately beside a sensitive area such as parks, Wildlife Management Areas, etc. This applies in the case of the Camp Morton Provincial Park area where regional and district staff should be consulted to ensure that any possible impacts on the park or its users are mitigated. If a deviation from the proposed route is contemplated that would require construction within Camp Morton Provincial Park, sufficient time to review this new proposal would be required. In the event that directional drilling of the stream crossings is not possible and open cuts are required the proponent should contact the regional fisheries manager and the Fisheries Branch.

Disposition:

These comments can be addressed as licence conditions.

**Historic Resources Branch** - No concerns.

**Mines Branch** - No concerns.

**Highway Planning and Design** - No objection to the proposal, but offers the following comments for consideration. Project specific details for all work within departmental rights-of-way or control lines will have to be reviewed as part of the normal highway crossing approval process. Certain standards must be met or exceeded when working adjacent to a Provincial Highway. For example, highway traffic control standards, all pipeline crossings of PTHs must be sleeved, and rights-of-way must be returned to an acceptable condition. The departmental contact for the region is the Technical Services Engineer in Portage la Prairie.

Disposition:

This information will be forwarded to the Proponent.

**Community Economic Development Services** - No concerns.

**Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency** - Application of CEAA with respect to this project will be required. The contact for purposes of coordinating environmental assessment activities for the project is PFRA. Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans and Natural Resources Canada have offered to provide specialist advice in accordance with subsection 12(3) of the Act.

**Disposition:**

Fisheries and Oceans was the only federal agency which offered to provide specialist advice and indicated a desire to participate in the provincial assessment process. Additional information will be provided to DFO.

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**Fisheries and Oceans** - The project is not expected to result in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat providing that the Icelandic River and creek crossings are directionally pushed or conventionally bored. Should these techniques not be feasible and an open cut be required, the Proponent should be aware that detailed plans regarding methodology, location, scheduling, and erosion control methods must be submitted for approval in advance to fisheries agencies. Where site specific concerns exist, or if detailed information regarding fish habitat at the crossing location is unknown, a detailed investigation to evaluate the sensitivity of the location should be undertaken as described in "Watercourse Crossings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition" (Canadian Pipeline Water Crossing Committee, 1999.) This information is necessary to determine whether an Authorization pursuant to Section 35(2) of the Fisheries Act is required for the project.

**Disposition:**

As it is not anticipated that open cut stream crossings will be needed, a licence condition should specify that only non-disruptive crossing techniques may be used. If an open cut crossing is required, separate approval should be obtained.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

As no public concerns were identified, a public hearing is not recommended.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

All comments received on the Proposal can be addressed as licence conditions. Therefore, it is recommended that the Development be licensed under The Environment Act subject to the limits, terms and conditions as described on the attached Draft Environment Act Licence. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Eastern-Interlake Region.

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