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File No.: 6247.00

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Dear James Matthewson:

**Re: CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC – DOMINION CITY TO ALTONA GAS
TRANSMISSION PIPELINE - Environment Act Licence No. 3465**

Please find enclosed the Environment Act Licence in response to your proposal dated Decemebtr 20, 2024, and additional information received on December 24, 2025. You wish to install a 38.7 km long gas transmission pipeline extending from an existing gate station located about 7.5 km east of Dominion City to a control point north of the Town of Altona, Manitoba.

All licence requirements and federal, provincial, and municipal regulations and by-laws must be followed. The licensee must get approval from the director per The Environment Act to alter the development.

Anyone affected by this decision may appeal, in writing, to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change at minecc@manitoba.ca by April 5, 2026. The licence is available on the public registry at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/index.html>.

For clause 44, the designated environment officer of the Environmental Approvals Branch is Desalegn Edossa, who may be contacted at Desalegn.Edossa@gov.mb.ca or 204-945-7021.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Tyler Kneeshaw, Regional Supervisor, Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch at EnvCEPortage@gov.mb.ca or 204-239-3608.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
Agnes Wittmann
Director
The Environment Act

Enclosure

c.
Tyler Kneeshaw
Desalegn Edossa

LICENCE

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Licence No. / Licence n°: 3465
Issue Date / Date de délivrance : March 6, 2026

In accordance with The Environment Act (C.C.S.M. c. E125) /
Conformément à la Loi sur l'environnement (C.P.L.M. c. E125)

Under Section 11(1) / Conformément au Paragraphe 11(1)

THIS LICENCE IS ISSUED TO: / CETTE LICENCE EST DONNÉE À:

Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. ; "the licensee"

for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the development being a transmission pipeline system with the following components:

- a) installation of approximately 38.7 km long, eight (8) inch steel natural gas pipeline originating at a gate station located about 7.5 km east of Dominion City and terminating at a control point north of the town of Altona, traversing the Rural Municipalities of Emerson-Franklin, Montcalm, and Rhineland, Manitoba, as identified in Schedule A of this licence;
- b) expansion of an existing gate station;
- c) installation of one control point;
- d) expansion of one existing control point; and
- e) decommissioning of one existing control point;

in accordance with the proposal filed under The Environment Act on December 20, 2024, and additional information received on December 24, 2025, and subject to the following specifications, limits, terms, and conditions:

DEFINITIONS

In this licence,

"accredited laboratory" means an analytical facility accredited by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC), or accredited by another accrediting agency recognized by Manitoba Environment and Climate Change to be equivalent to the SCC, or be able to demonstrate, upon request, that it has the quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures in place equivalent to accreditation based on the international standard ISO/IEC 17025, or otherwise approved by the director;

"affected area" means a geographical area, excluding the property of the development;

"approvals branch" means the Environmental Approvals Branch of Manitoba Environment and Climate Change, or any future branch responsible for issuing licences under The Environment Act;

"approved" means approved by the director or assigned environment officer in writing;

"contractor" means any party entered into a contract with the licensee;

"day" or "daily" means any 24-hour period;

"director" means an employee so designated under The Environment Act;

"environment" means air, land, and water, or plant and animal life, including humans as defined in The Environment Act;

"environment officer" means an employee so designated under The Environment Act;

"Historic Resources Branch" means the branch of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism, or any future branch responsible for the administration of The Heritage Resources Act or any future amendments;

"Intermittent stream" means a stream that does not flow year-round and typically carries water only during the spring snowmelt period or following significant rainfall events. Outside of these periods, the streambed may be dry or have no measurable surface flow.

"noise nuisance" means an unwanted sound, in an affected area, which is annoying, troublesome, or disagreeable to a person:

- a) residing in an affected area;
- b) working in an affected area; or
- c) present at a location in an affected area which is normally open to members of the public;

if the unwanted sound

- d) is the subject of at least five written complaints, received by the director in a form satisfactory to the director and within a 90-day period, from five different persons falling within clauses a), b), or c), who do not live in the same household; or
- e) is the subject of at least one written complaint, received by the director in a form satisfactory to the director, from a person falling within clauses a), b), or c) and the director is of the opinion that if the unwanted sound had occurred in a more densely populated area there would have been at least five written complaints received within a 90-day period, from five different persons who do not live in the same household;

"NTU" means nephelometric turbidity unit measured by a turbidity meter;

"pollutant" means a pollutant as defined in The Environment Act;

"environmental inspector" means an individual who possesses sufficient relevant education, training and experience necessary to monitor project activities and determine compliance with environmental protection plans;

"riparian area" means an area of land on the banks or in the vicinity of a waterbody, which due to the presence of water supports, or in the absence of human intervention would naturally

support, an ecosystem that is distinctly different from that of adjacent upland areas (Source: The Water Protection Act 2005);

"waste disposal ground" means an area of land designated by a person, municipality, provincial government agency, or crown corporation for the disposal of waste and approved for use in accordance with the Waste Management Facilities Regulation, or any future amendments thereto, or a Licence pursuant to The Environment Act;

"waterbody" means anybody of flowing or standing water, whether naturally or artificially created, and whether the flow or presence of water is continuous, intermittent or occurs only during a flood, including but not limited to a lake, river, creek, stream, slough, marsh, swamp and wetland, including ice on any of them (Source: The Water Protection Act 2005);

"waterway" means a water control work, natural water channel, or lake;

"water control works" mean works, as defined in The Water Resources Administration Act:

- a) for the conservation, control, disposal, protection, distribution, drainage, storage, or use, of water; or
- b) for the protection of land or other property from damage by water, or for all or some of those purposes, and includes any other work necessary or convenient for the use, operation, or maintenance of a work to which subclause (a) or (b) applies or constructed or operated as a complement of such work.

"waterway order" means order of waterways as defined below:

- a) first order waterway is upper, single, unbranched tributary having a drainage area of one square mile or less;
- b) second order waterway is one which has a drainage area of more than one square mile or has a tributary or tributaries of the first order;
- c) third order waterway is formed at the confluence of two second order waterways and may have any number of first and second order tributaries; and
- d) fourth, fifth, sixth etc. order waterways are defined similarly to the third, with each order having any number of lower order waterways and with an increase in order occurring where two waterways of the next lower order meet; and

"wetland" means:

- a) a marsh, bog, fen, swamp or ponded shallow water; and
- b) low areas of wet or water-logged soils that are periodically inundated by standing water and that are able to support aquatic vegetation and biological activities adapted to the wet environment in normal conditions (Source: The Water Rights Act).

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Retain Copy of Licence

1. The licensee must at all times maintain a copy of this licence at the development or at the premises from which the development's operations are managed.

Sampling

2. In addition to any of the limits, terms, and conditions specified in this licence, the licensee must, upon the request of the director:
 - a) sample, monitor, analyze, or investigate specific areas of concern regarding any segment, component or aspect of pollutant storage, containment, handling, treatment, and disposal systems, for such pollutants, ambient quality, aquatic toxicity, seepage characteristics, and discharge rates and for such duration and frequencies as may be specified;
 - b) determine the environmental impact associated with the release of any pollutant from the development;
 - c) conduct specific investigations in response to the data gathered during environmental monitoring programs; or
 - d) provide the director within such time as may be specified, with such reports, drawings, specifications, analytical data, bioassay data, flow rate measurements, and such other information as may from time to time be requested.

3. The licensee must, unless otherwise specified in this licence:
 - a) carry out all preservations and analyses of liquid samples in accordance with the methods prescribed in the Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater or in accordance with equivalent preservation and analytical methodologies approved by the director;
 - b) carry out all sampling of, and preservation and analyses on, soil, compost, and air samples in accordance with methodologies approved by the director;
 - c) have all analytical determinations undertaken by an accredited laboratory; and
 - d) report the results to the director, in writing and in an electronic format acceptable to the director, within 60 days of the samples being taken.

Reporting Format

4. The licensee must submit all information required to be provided to the director or environment officer under this licence, in written and electronic format, in such form (including number of copies) and of such content as may be required by the director or environment officer, and each submission must be clearly labelled with the licence number and file number associated with this licence.

Noise Nuisance

5. The licensee must not cause or permit a noise nuisance to be created as a result of the construction, operation, or alteration of the development, and must take such steps as the director may require to eliminate or mitigate a noise nuisance.

Equipment Breakdown or Process Upset

6. The licensee must, in the case of physical or mechanical equipment breakdown or process upset where such breakdown or process upset results or may result in the release of a pollutant in an amount or concentration, or at a level or rate of release, that causes or may cause a significant adverse effect, immediately report the event by calling the 24-hour environmental accident reporting line at 204-944-4888 (toll-free 1-855-944-4888). The report must indicate the nature of the event, the time, estimated volume, and estimated duration of the event, and the reason for the event.

7. The licensee must, following the reporting of an event under clause 6 of this licence:
 - a) identify the repairs required to the physical or mechanical equipment;
 - b) undertake all repairs to minimize unauthorized discharge of a pollutant;
 - c) complete the repairs in accordance with any written instructions of the director; and
 - d) submit a report to the director about the causes of breakdown and measures taken, within one week of the repairs being done.

Construction Reporting

8. The licensee must, during construction of the development, submit a report every three months regarding construction, environmental protection, and emergency response issues to the environment officer. The first report must be submitted two weeks after the completion of the first three-month period commencing on the construction start date.
9. The licensee must submit an annual report to the director documenting the licensee's process and outcome of engagements with Indigenous Nations and affected landowners during construction of the development. The report must be submitted by October 31st of each year until the end of the construction. The report must include:
 - a) a summary of engagement activities;
 - b) environmental issues raised by Indigenous Nations and affected landowners; and
 - c) how the licensee responded or plans to respond.

Compliance With Other Acts and Regulations

10. The licensee must, during the construction of the development:
 - a) comply with the requirements of The Heritage Resources Act;
 - b) if heritage resources (as defined within the Heritage Resources Act) are encountered, suspend construction and immediately notify the Historic Resources Branch and affected Indigenous Nations; and
 - c) if other Indigenous cultural resources are encountered, suspend construction and immediately notify affected Indigenous Nations.
11. The licensee must obtain all necessary provincial and federal permits and approvals for construction of relevant components of the development.

SPECIFICATIONS, LIMITS, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS

Notification

12. The licensee must notify the environment officer not less than two weeks prior to beginning construction of the development. The notification must include the intended starting date of construction and the name of the contractor responsible for the construction.
13. The licensee must, prior to construction, provide a copy of this licence to the contractor and subcontractor(s) involved in the development.
14. The licensee must, prior to the occurrence of any blasting, notify affected Indigenous Nations and other nearby communities.

15. The licensee must notify the environment officer, not less than two weeks prior to the completion of the construction of the development, to allow for a final inspection.

Environmental Protection Plans

16. The licensee must develop, implement, maintain, and amend as necessary Environmental Protection Plans and management plans for the development.
17. The licensee must, upon request from the environment officer, submit the Environmental Protection Plans to the department within a timeframe stipulated by the environment officer.

The environment officer may request separate Environmental Protection Plans for the construction, and/or decommissioning phases, or for different components of the development.

The Environmental Protection Plans must include:

- a) description of the approach to be used by the licensee to ensure that mitigation measures are applied systematically;
 - b) mitigation measures to address environmental concerns raised by affected landowners;
 - c) mitigation measures to address concerns raised by engaged Indigenous Nations or Indigenous monitors about important sites they have identified and potential adverse effects on rights-based activities as summarized in the proposal;
 - d) construction, operation and decommissioning of all temporary and permanent access roads required for the construction, installation, testing, or maintenance of the development;
 - e) post-construction monitoring and adaptive management plan; and
 - f) Soil Handling Procedure to be applied during construction of the development.
18. The licensee must:
 - a) monitor the effectiveness of Environmental Protection Plans; and
 - b) during the pre-construction and construction of the development, provide engaged Indigenous Nations:
 - i. a schedule of construction activities; and
 - ii. the opportunity to be present to identify unmarked burial sites, heritage resources, or Indigenous cultural resources.
 19. The licensee must provide opportunities for engaged Indigenous Nations to participate in field tours, ceremonial events, and Indigenous Nation meetings.

Pre-construction

20. The licensee must, prior to construction of the development, arrange a meeting with the Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. construction project manager(s) and the environment officer to review Environmental Protection Plans associated with construction of the development.
21. The licensee must provide engaged Indigenous Nations opportunities to participate in a ceremony or ceremonies prior to construction or decommissioning, and at project milestones identified by the engaged Indigenous Nations, at times that work for those who are interested in leading and/or participating in the ceremony or ceremonies.

Construction, Operation and Maintenance

22. The licensee must:
 - a) conduct all trench-related work activities during no flow or dry conditions and not during the April 1 to June 15 fish spawning and incubation period;
 - b) not construct components of the development involving earthwork during periods of heavy rain;
 - c) place and/or isolate all excavated and construction material where it will not erode into any watercourse;
 - d) implement effective long-term sediment and erosion control measures to prevent soil-laden runoff and/or silt from entering any watercourse during construction and until vegetation is established;
 - e) routinely inspect all erosion and sediment control structures and immediately complete any necessary maintenance or repair; and
 - f) revegetate soil exposed during the construction of the development in non-agricultural land with native or introduced grasses or legumes. Native species must be used to revegetate areas where native species existed prior to construction.
23. The licensee must provide cultural awareness training for staff working in construction areas within the development that is reflective of the Indigenous cultures in the area. The training must include recognizing cultural sites and management of any resources encountered.
24. The licensee must dispose of non-reusable construction debris from the development at a waste disposal ground.
25. The licensee must, during construction and maintenance of the development, prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive and noxious species by cleaning equipment prior to its delivery to the site of the development following the requirements of the Aquatic Invasive Species Regulation and The Noxious Weeds Act, or any future amendment.
26. The licensee must, unless otherwise approved by an environment officer, locate fuel storage and equipment servicing areas established for the construction and operation of the development a minimum distance of 100 metres from any waterbody and must comply with the requirements of the Storage and Handling of Petroleum Products and Allied Products Regulation, or any future amendments.
27. The licensee must, during construction and maintenance of the development, operate, maintain and store all materials and equipment in a manner that prevents any deleterious substances (fuel, oil, grease, hydraulic fluids, coolant, paint, uncured concrete, and concrete wash water, etc.) from entering watercourses and have an emergency spill kit for in-water use available on site during construction.
28. The licensee must:
 - a) conduct any vegetation clearing, including the removal or stripping of woody or herbaceous vegetation, outside the April 15 to August 31 bird breeding period; or

- b) within seven (7) days prior to the commencement of construction work, complete a bird nest and nesting activity survey to confirm no active nests or nesting activity within the area to be disturbed if any vegetation clearing, including the removal or stripping of woody or herbaceous vegetation adjacent to woodlots or other areas of perennial cover, to occur within the April 15 to August 31 bird breeding period.
29. The licensee must, within three months of the date of issuance of this licence, submit a concise climate-related hazard assessment matrix for the development to the Director of the Climate Action and Low-Carbon Government branch, Climate Action and Energy Innovation Division, for acceptance.
- The matrix must include, at a minimum, the following columns:
- Identified climate hazard;
 - Potential impacts on the project, surrounding environment and public safety;
 - Specific mitigation measure(s) and/or design response; and
 - Residual effects.
30. The licensee must, prior to commencing construction of new pipelines of the development on or adjacent to highway rights-of-way and on, over, near or across designated provincial water infrastructure, obtain all necessary approvals from Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure or any future department responsible for the administration of The Highway Traffic Act and the Water Resources Administration Act or any future amendment.
31. The licensee must minimize impacts on land adjacent to the pipeline route during construction of the buried pipeline associated with the development.
32. The licensee:
- a) must construct waterway crossings on flowing waterways by augering, tunneling or boring, utilizing methods that reduce in-water disturbance and erosion and sedimentation risk;
 - b) must not conduct open cut crossings or in-water works on fish-bearing waterways unless prior consultation with the Manitoba Wildlife and Fisheries Branch and Department of Fisheries and Oceans staff has occurred, and the prior written approval of the director has been obtained;
 - c) may conduct open cut crossing works in dry or non-flowing (i.e., hydraulically unconnected to downstream flowing water) natural and artificial waterways where approval has been obtained from the authority responsible for the channel and all other environmental mitigation measures are in place; and
 - d) must, where open cut stream crossing techniques are used on intermittent waterways and artificial drainage channels, not construct open cut crossings associated with the development between March 15 and June 15 of any year, unless approved by an environment officer.
33. The licensee must complete augered, tunneled or bored waterway crossings in accordance with the September, 2004 publication "Planning Horizontal Directional Drilling for Pipeline Construction", published by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, and notify the environment officer if a frac out occurs.

34. The licensee must, within three months of the completion of construction of the development, contact the director of Drainage and Water Rights Licensing to determine if an approval is needed to ensure that there is no net loss of wetland benefits related to Class 3, 4, and 5 wetlands (as defined by Schedule C of the Water Rights Regulation) that are altered or destroyed during construction of the development.
35. The licensee must comply with the requirements of Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) guidelines to monitor turbidity at open cut waterway crossings during pipeline installation.
36. The licensee must not increase turbidity levels referenced in clause 35 of this licence by more than:
 - a) 8 NTUs from the background levels in any 24 hour period during clear flow conditions;
 - b) 8 NTUs from the background levels at any one time when background levels are between 8 and 80 NTUs; and
 - c) 10% of background levels when the background level is greater than 80 NTUs.
37. The licensee must, where conditions allow, excavate endpoints for directional drilling operations a minimum of:
 - a) 30 m from the high water mark of third and higher order waterways; and
 - b) 15 m from the high water mark of first and second order waterways.
38. The licensee must construct open cut stream crossings associated with the development in accordance with the methodologies described in the November 2012 publication "Pipeline Associated Watercourse Crossings 4th Edition" or any future amendment, published by the Canadian Pipeline Water Crossing Committee, and the May 1996 publication "Manitoba Stream Crossing Guidelines for the Protection of Fish and Fish Habitat" or any future amendment, published by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Manitoba Natural Resources.
39. The licensee must, where open cut stream crossing techniques are used on intermittent waterways and artificial drainage channels, minimize disturbance to riparian areas and restore the bottom and banks of the waterways to their original elevations and shapes.
40. The licensee must not alter local drainage patterns, including inflows and outflows from wetlands, if encountered during construction of the development, adjacent to the route of pipelines.
41. Licensee must operate the pipeline in a manner that complies with The Gas Pipeline Act as well as The Public Utilities Board (PUB) Act and the recent version of CSA Z662 standard.

Environmental Inspector

42. The licensee must, during construction of the development, employ environmental inspector(s) to ensure that all the environmental practices outlined in the Environment Act Proposal for this development are carried out.

Species at Risk

43. The licensee must not kill, injure, disturb, or otherwise interfere with any species listed as Endangered, Threatened, or Extirpated under The Species at Risk Act (SARA) or The Endangered Species and Ecosystems Act (ESEA), or not destroy, disturb, or interfere with the habitat of such species, as defined under the ESEA.

Pressure Testing of Pipeline

44. The licensee must, not less than two weeks prior to placing the pipeline into operation, submit to the designated environment officer for approval, a report on pressure testing of the pipeline, signed by an engineer.

Flood Protection

45. The licensee must obtain all necessary permits from Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure prior to commencing any construction of above-ground components of the development within a designated flood area.

Wetlands

46. The licensee, if a wetland is encountered during construction of the development, must:
- a) only trench Class I, II, and III wetlands if dry or under frozen ground conditions;
 - b) bore under Class I, II, and III wetlands if holding water using horizontal directional drilling; and
 - c) bore under all Class IV wetlands using horizontal directional drilling.

Record Drawings

47. The licensee must:
- a) prepare "record drawings" for the development and must label the drawings "record drawings". The drawings must include the pipeline route and the locations of control points and gate station; and
 - b) provide to the director, within four months of the completion of the development, "record drawings" of the development as identified in clause 47 a) of this licence.

Decommissioning

48. The licensee must, at least six months prior to decommissioning of the development or portion of the development, submit a formal decommissioning plan for the approval of the director. The licensee must provide opportunity for engaged Indigenous Nations and affected landowners to provide input on the plan.
49. The licensee must implement the approved decommissioning plan as identified in clause 48 of this licence.

Alterations

50. The licensee must notify the director and receive the approval of the director for any alterations to the development as licensed, prior to proceeding with such alterations.

REVIEW AND REVOCATION

51. If construction of the development is not commenced within three years of the date of this licence, the licence is revoked.
52. If, in the opinion of the director:
 - a) the licensee has exceeded or is exceeding or has or is failing to meet the specifications, limits, terms, or conditions set out in this licence, the director may, temporarily or permanently, revoke this licence; or
 - b) for purposes of effective environmental management, a change in the specifications, limits, terms, or conditions of this licence is necessary, the director may amend the licence accordingly and thereafter the licensee must comply with the licence as amended.
53. If, in the opinion of the director, new evidence warrants a change in the specifications, limits, terms or conditions of this licence, the director may require the filing of a new proposal pursuant to Section 11 of The Environment Act or a notice of alteration pursuant to Section 14 of The Environment Act

Original Signed By
Agnes Wittmann
Director
The Environment Act

Schedule A to Environment Act Licence No. 3465

Dominion City to Altona Gas Transmission Pipeline

