

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 7/04
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) January 19, 2004

BEFORE: G. D. Forrest, Chairman
S. Proven, Member

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RHINELAND
RHINELAND RURAL WATER SYSTEM AND
BULK LOADING STATION
WATER RATES
BY-LAW NO. 2003-14**

The Rural Municipality of Rhineland (the Municipality) applied to the Board for approval of water rates on a combined basis for the areas of the Municipality identified as Gnadenfeld Neubergthal Sommerfeld, Old Altona, Plum Coulee, Rosenfeld Rural and Southwest. These rates were set out in By-law No. 2003-14 filed with the Board certified as to having been read the first time on October 22, 2003.

The Municipality filed the affidavit of Mr. Jake Bergen dated November 18, 2003 confirming that Notice of the Municipality's application was sent to each customer by first class mail on November 18, 2003.

On December 2, 2003, the Board received comments with respect to the application from Mr. Bernie Penner, Mr. Jerry Friesen and Mr. John Isaak, all Gnadefeld Neubergthal Sommerfeld system customers currently. These customers expressed concerns about the combined rate proposal recognizing historical events and some comments on the reserves accumulated by the ratepayers of the Gnadefeld Neubergthal Sommerfeld system.

The Municipality responded to the customers' concerns in a letters dated December 8, 2003 and January 5, 2004. The Municipality advised that they had met with the customers to review their concerns but they remained unresolved.

The Board reviewed this correspondence and is satisfied that By-law No. 2003-14 should be approved. The Board accepted the Municipality's position that the utility on a combined basis will better meet the needs of all customers in the future, such as secure and adequate supply, and that the blended rate was fair and reasonable for all customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. By-law No. 2003-14 of The Rural Municipality of Rhineland serving the Rhineland Rural Water System and Bulk Loading Station BE AND THE IS HEREBY APPROVED subject to Clause 11 of Schedule "A" to the By-law being amended to read:

"Pursuant to Section 252(2) of The Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water service are a lien and charge upon the land serviced and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.";

2. The water rates set forth in Schedule "A" hereto shall apply to all customers of the utility effective on water consumed on and after January 1, 2004.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$50.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"G. D. FORREST"

Chairman

"G. O. BARRON"

Secretary

Certified a true copy of
Order No. 7/04 issued by The
Public Utilities Board

Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BOARD ORDER NO. 7/04

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RHINELAND

RHINELAND RURAL WATER SYSTEM AND

BULK LOADING STATION

WATER RATES

BY-LAW NO. 2003-14

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES:

1. Commodity Rates per 1000 gallons - (Effective January 1, 2004)

	<u>Water</u>
Former Gnadenfeld-Neubergthal-Sommerfeld Water System Customers	5.90
Former Village of Old Altona Water System Customers	8.60
Former Plum Coulee Rural Water System Customers	7.45
Former Rosenfeld Rural Water System Customers	10.00
Former Southwest Water System Customers	6.50

2. Minimum Charges, Quarterly

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraph 1 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

a) Former Gnadenfeld-Neubergthal-Sommerfeld Water Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges Water	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.00	\$ 17.70	\$ 23.70
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.00	\$ 35.40	\$ 41.40
1"	4	12,000	\$6.00	\$ 70.80	\$ 76.80
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$6.00	\$177.00	\$183.00
2"	25	75,000	\$6.00	\$442.50	\$448.50

b) Former Village of Old Altona Water Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.00	\$ 25.80	\$ 31.80
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.00	\$ 51.60	\$ 57.60
1"	4	12,000	\$6.00	\$103.20	\$109.20
1½"	10	30,000	\$6.00	\$258.00	\$264.00
2"	25	75,000	\$6.00	\$645.00	\$651.00

c) Former Plum Coulee Rural Water Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.00	\$ 22.35	\$ 28.35
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.00	\$ 44.70	\$ 50.70
1"	4	12,000	\$6.00	\$ 89.40	\$ 95.40
1½"	10	30,000	\$6.00	\$223.50	\$229.50
2"	25	75,000	\$6.00	\$558.75	\$564.75

d) Former Rosenfeld Rural Water Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 36.00
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 66.00
1"	4	12,000	\$6.00	\$120.00	\$126.00
1½"	10	30,000	\$6.00	\$300.00	\$306.00
2"	25	75,000	\$6.00	\$750.00	\$756.00

e) Former Southwest Water Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.00	\$ 19.50	\$ 25.50
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 45.00
1"	4	12,000	\$6.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 84.00
1½"	10	30,000	\$6.00	\$195.00	\$201.00
2"	25	75,000	\$6.00	\$487.50	\$493.50

3. Commodity Rates per 1000 gallons - (Effective January 1, 2005)

	<u>Water</u>
Former Gnadensfeld-Neubergthal-Sommerfeld Water System Customers	6.30
Former Village of Old Altona Water System Customers	7.75
Former Plum Coulee Rural Water System Customers	7.15
Former Rosenfeld Rural Water System Customers	8.65
Former Southwest Water System Customers	6.60

4. Minimum Charges, Quarterly

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraph 3 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

a) Former Gnadensfeld-Neubergthal-Sommerfeld Water Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges Water	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.15	\$ 18.90	\$ 25.05
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.15	\$ 37.80	\$ 43.95
1"	4	12,000	\$6.15	\$ 75.60	\$ 81.75
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$6.15	\$189.00	\$195.15
2"	25	75,000	\$6.15	\$472.50	\$478.65

b) Former Village of Old Altona Water Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges Water	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.15	\$ 23.25	\$ 29.40
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.15	\$ 46.50	\$ 52.65
1"	4	12,000	\$6.15	\$ 93.00	\$ 99.15
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$6.15	\$232.50	\$238.65
2"	25	75,000	\$6.15	\$581.25	\$587.40

c) Former Plum Coulee Rural Water Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges Water	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.15	\$ 21.45	\$ 27.60
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.15	\$ 42.90	\$ 49.05
1"	4	12,000	\$6.15	\$ 85.80	\$ 91.95
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$6.15	\$214.50	\$220.65
2"	25	75,000	\$6.15	\$536.25	\$542.40

d) Former Rosenfeld Rural Water Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges Water	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.15	\$ 25.95	\$ 32.10
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.15	\$ 51.90	\$ 58.05
1"	4	12,000	\$6.15	\$103.80	\$109.95
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$6.15	\$259.50	\$265.65
2"	25	75,000	\$6.15	\$648.75	\$654.90

e) Former Southwest Water Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges Water	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.15	\$ 19.80	\$ 25.95
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.15	\$ 39.60	\$ 45.75
1"	4	12,000	\$6.15	\$ 79.20	\$ 85.35
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$6.15	\$198.00	\$204.15
2"	25	75,000	\$6.15	\$495.00	\$501.15

5. Commodity Rates per 1000 gallons - (Effective January 1, 2006)

All Water Consumption - Rhineland Rural Water System

Water

6.75

6. Minimum Charges, Quarterly

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraph 5 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

a) Rhineland Rural Water System Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges Water	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.25	\$ 20.25	\$ 26.50
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.25	\$ 40.50	\$ 46.75
1"	4	12,000	\$6.25	\$ 81.00	\$ 87.25
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$6.25	\$202.50	\$208.75
2"	25	75,000	\$6.25	\$506.25	\$512.50

7. Bulk Water Sales

All water sold in bulk at the Rhineland Rural Water System Bulk Loading Station shall be charged as follows:

January 1st to December 31st, 2004 - \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons

January 1st to December 31st, 2005 - \$7.15 per 1,000 gallons

January 1st to December 31st, 2006 - \$7.30 per 1,000 gallons

8. Billings & Penalties

Accounts shall be billed quarterly and shall be due and payable 30 days after date of billing. A penalty of 10% of the amount of the bill shall be added if not paid by the due date.

9. Disconnection

Service may be disconnected and discontinued immediately and without further notice in the event of non-payment of the account within 30 days after due date.

10. Reconnection

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$50.00 have been paid.

11. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of The Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water service are a lien and charge upon the land serviced and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.

12. Water Allowances Due to Line Freezing

That in any case where, at the request of the Council, a customer allows water to run continuously for any period of time to prevent the water lines in the water system from freezing, the charge to that customer for the current quarter shall be the average of the billings for the last two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.