MANITOBA) Order No. 24/05) THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) February 14, 2005

> BEFORE: Graham F. J. Lane, C.A., Chairman M. Girouard, C.G.A., Member S. Proven, P.H.Ec., Member

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RITCHOT INITIAL WATER RATES BY-LAW NO. 17-2004

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Ritchot has applied to The Public Utilities Board for approval of By-law No. 17-2004 for establishment of water rates of the said Municipality, and after public notice of the application - no persons signifying their desire to make representation in the matter;

AND WHEREAS the Board deems it expedient to do so;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. By-law No. 17-2004 of the Rural Municipality of Ritchot BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED;
- 2. The water rates set forth in Schedule "A" hereto shall apply to all customers of the utility effective on all water consumed and on all minimum bills effective on the next billing in the normal course after the date of this Order.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$50.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

<u>"GRAHAM F. J. LANE, C.A."</u> Chairman

<u>"G. O. BARRON"</u> Secretary

> Certified a true copy of Order No. 24/05 issued by The Public Utilities Board

Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BOARD ORDER NO. 24/05

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RITCHOT

INITIAL WATER RATES

BY-LAW NO. 17-2004

1. <u>Commodity Rates per M.G.</u>

Water

Domestic Rate (up	to 20,000 I.G. per Quarter)	\$7.00 M.G.
Intermediate Rate	(over 20,000 I.G. per Quarter)	\$5.50 M.G.

2. <u>Minimum Charges (Quarterly)</u>

Notwithstanding the Commodity Rates set forth in paragraph 1 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include allowances as indicated:

	Group	Water			
Meter	Capacity	Included		Service	
<u>Size</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	Water	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Total</u>
5/8″	1	3,000	\$ 21.00	\$9.00	\$ 30.00
3/1"	2	6,000	\$ 42.00	\$9.00	\$ 51.00
1″	4	12,000	\$ 84.00	\$9.00	\$ 93.00
1½″	10	30,000	\$195.00	\$9.00	\$204.00
2″	25	75,000	\$442.50	\$9.00	\$451.50

3. <u>Billings and Penalties for Non-payment of Account:</u>

All connected customers shall be billed quarterly and payment shall be due within 30 days from the date of billing. A penalty of one and one-quarter percent (1½%) shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date and shall be added and compounded monthly until the bill is paid or added to taxes. A notice to this effect shall be clearly printed on all bills sent to customers.

4. <u>Disconnection and reconnection of service:</u>

If any bill issued pursuant to section 3 hereof is not paid within forty-five (45) days of the billing date, the municipality may disconnect and discontinue service to the customer immediately and without further notice.

If any service is discontinued, pursuant to this clause, such service shall not be reconnected until payment has been made for a reconnection charge of thirty (\$30.00) dollars, plus the amount of any unpaid bills and penalties.

5. <u>Liability for Charges:</u>

Where charges and penalties pursuant to this by-law remain unpaid for a period of 30 days or more after the due date, said charges and penalties shall be added to the taxes on the property and collected in the same manner as other taxes as per authority of Section 252(2) of The Municipal Act of Manitoba.