

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 3/06
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) January 11, 2006

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

**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROKENHEAD
LOCAL URBAN DISTRICT OF TYNDALL-GARSON
INTERIM WATER AND SEWER RATES**

On December 22, 2005, the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead (the Municipality) applied to The Public Utilities Board (the Board) for an interim rate for the sale of water of \$11.65 per 1,000 gallons to be charged to bulk water customers served under the Tyndall-Garson Water and Sewer Project.

The Municipality advised the Board the Tyndall-Garson Water and Sewer Project is nearing completion and it is expected all potential customers, some 400 - 450 in total, will be served by July 2006. All customers are currently using private wells. Some residents in the Local Urban District of Tyndall-Garson do not have water or have contaminated water and the Municipality advised of its plans to attach some of these customers as early as January 2006 and the balance will be allowed to buy water

from a bulk water filling station at the Water Treatment Plant. The Municipality confirmed that its water supply is meeting water standards for safe drinking water.

A water and sewer rate study was commissioned by the Municipality to be conducted by the Municipality's engineering consultants and will be submitted to the Board in due course.

The Municipality advised that the rate was based on a review of the rates charged in neighbouring communities. The Municipality proposes an average rate of \$11.65 per thousand gallons.

The Board is satisfied that this matter is urgent and therefore will approve the interim rate proposed by the Municipality. Such approval is being provided on the basis a rate study is submitted to the Board as soon as possible.

The Board will require that this rate be adopted by by-law and filed with the Board after final reading.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The interim bulk water rate of \$11.65 per thousand gallons be and is hereby approved on an interim ex parte basis.
2. The Municipality undertake a water and sewer rate study and file for approval an amending by-law after first reading proposing final rates.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$50.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"GRAHAM F. J. LANE, C.A."
Chairman

"G. O. BARRON"
Acting Secretary

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