

M A N I T O B A ) Order No. 4/06  
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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 WHITEHEAD  
VILLAGE OF ALEXANDER  
INTERIM WATER RATES**

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On December 22, 2005, the Rural Municipality of Whitehead (the Municipality) applied to The Public Utilities Board (the Board) for approval of an interim water rate of \$11.15 per thousand gallons for the sale of bulk water from the bulk loading station at the Alexander Water Treatment Plant.

The Municipality recently installed a water treatment plant and distribution system to serve the Village of Alexander and through the sale of bulk water also to the surrounding area. Approximately 90 of 125 customers have now been connected to the distribution system and are consuming water. The Municipality advised that these customers are abandoning their private wells once connected and are aware that they will be billed for water consumed once a rate study has been completed and the rates have been approved by the Board.

The Municipality advised that it is necessary to serve the demand for bulk water as soon as possible and without, the benefit of a rate study the Municipality is applying for an interim rate for the sale of water from the bulk loading station only.

The Municipality provided the bulk water rates on a per thousand gallon basis for Brandon (\$6.25), Kenton (\$7.00), Rivers (\$10.00), Oak River (\$15.85) and Souris (\$16.50) and suggested that a reasonable rate would be an average of the rate charged in these communities or \$11.15 per thousand gallons.

The Board accepted the urgency for the interim rate and will approve a rate of \$11.15 per thousand gallons on an interim ex parte basis.

The Municipality should complete a rate study as soon as possible and include a revised and final bulk water rate for the Board's approval.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. An interim bulk water rate of \$11.15 per thousand gallons is hereby approved on an interim ex parte basis.
  
2. The Municipality apply for final water rates following the completion of a water rate study to be completed as soon as possible.

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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