MANITOBA) Order No. 120/07) THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) September 21, 2007

> BEFORE: Graham Lane, C.A., Chairman Susan Proven, P.H.Ec., Member Monica Girouard, Member

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LAC DU BONNET REVISED WATER AND SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2007, 2008 AND 2009

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Executive Summary

By this Order the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves the application of the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet (R.M.) for revised water and sewer rates reflecting the increased cost of purchasing water and related services from the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

Existing and revised rates are as follows:

\$/cubic metre	Existing	2007	2008	2009
Water	\$1.18 ⁽¹⁾	\$1.46	\$1.65	\$1.84
Sewer	\$0.40	\$0.41	\$0.42	\$0.43
Total	\$1.58	\$1.87	\$2.07	\$2.27
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¹⁾ Previously the RM had a two-step rate schedule, the amount indicated was the average.

Application

The R. M. of Lac du Bonnet applied to the Board for revised water and sewer rates, to be effective September 1, 2007, 2008 and 2009; this to reflect cost increases passed through from the the Town of Lac du Bonnet (Town).

By Order 74/06, dated May 15, 2006, the Board approved thenexisting rates reflecting a mark-up of the Town's rates, this to reflect the costs and responsibilities of the R.M. for maintenance of the water and sewer lines in the R.M.'s jurisdiction. The mark-ups were \$0.38 per cubic metre for water, and \$0.12 per cubic metre for sewer.

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With this application, the R.M. proposed no changes except for changes to reflect Board-approved and revised commodity rates for the Town, which the R.M. is obligated to pay.

Existing and proposed rates were as follows:

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Minimum quarterly bills would change accordingly, though the only customer currently served is the Glenn Howard Inn. Notice of the R.M.'s application was forwarded to the customer.

Board Findings

The Board reviewed the R.M.'s application and is satisfied that the increases applied for are necessary and reflect only the increases required to meet the additional costs now and to be incurred from the Town.

Accordingly, and consistent with past indications provided the R.M., the Board will approve the proposal without requiring a public proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The increases outlined within this Order and reflected

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in R.M. By-law No. 14-07 BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$150.00.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

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

<u>"G. O. Barron"</u> Acting Secretary

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Acting Secretary