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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) Order No. 21/09
) March 19, 2009

BEFORE: Graham Lane, CA, Chairman
 Susan Proven, P.H.Ec., Member

GREY REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER UTILITY
REVISED WATER RATES

Executive Summary

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) confirms interim rates as approved in Ex Parte Order 168/08.

As required, Notice of the Rural Municipality of Grey's (RM) application and the Board's interim decision were provided to ratepayers. Neither comments nor concerns were filed relating to the application.

Previous and now revised rates that took effect on January 1, 2009 are as follows:

Commodity Rate (\$/1,000 gallons)	Existing	Revised	%
All Water Consumption	\$8.30	\$9.50	14.5
Haywood Sewer Service	\$0.80	\$0.80	0
Elm Creek Sewer Service	\$1.15	\$1.15	0
Quarterly Customer Service Charge	\$5.00	\$5.00	0
Minimum Quarterly Bill (5/8" meter) ⁽¹⁾			
Haywood	\$32.30	\$35.90	11.1
Elm Creek	\$33.35	\$36.95	10.8
All Others	\$29.90	\$33.50	12.0

Note 1: Includes 3,000 gallons of usage.

Board Findings

The Public Utilities Board Act allows the Board to issue interim ex parte orders upon finding a state of urgency, and the Board so acted. This Order should be read in conjunction with Order 168/08, which provides background and details with respect to the application made to the Board for revised rates.

Order 168/08 found the rates proposed by the RM to be just and reasonable, and required to meet the increased cost of purchasing water from suppliers, those being the Village of St.

Claude, Pembina Valley Water Co-op, Cartier Regional Water Co-operative and the RM of Dufferin.

The RM was required to provide notice of the revised rates to its customers, and did so in December 2008 and January 2009. The notice invited any person to provide comment or express concerns to the Board by February 13, 2009; none were received.

Included in the original application, the RM projected an operating deficit for 2008. The Board deferred consideration of this anticipated deficit until the final results became available and required the RM to obtain approval for the actual 2008 deficit, if incurred. No application has been made to date.

Board decisions may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, or reviewed in accordance with section 36 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules). The Board's Rules may be viewed on the Board's website, www.pub.gov.mb.ca .

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Interim Ex Parte Order No. 168/08 dated December 16, 2008
IS HEREBY CONFIRMED as final.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"GRAHAM LANE, CA"

Chairman

"KRISTINE SCHWANKE"

Acting Secretary

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Public Utilities Board

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