

M A N I T O B A) **Order No. 129/10**
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) **December 20, 2010**

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

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEWATER
ELGIN WATER AND SEWER UTILITY
ACTUAL DEFICIT 2009

WHEREAS the Public Utilities Board issued Order No. 151/08 on November 7, 2008 requiring all water and/or sewer utilities to report an actual year-end deficit to the Board if the utility:

1. had not received prior approval for the deficit from the Board and such deficit either exceeds \$10,000 or represents 5% of the utility's operating budget; or
2. had received prior approval for the deficit from the Board and the actual deficit:
 - a. exceeds the previously approved amount by either \$10,000 or 5% of the utility's operating budget; or
 - b. is caused as a result that differs from that upon which said approval was granted;

AND WHEREAS Elgin water and sewer Utility (Utility) in the Rural Municipality of Whitewater (RM) incurred an operating deficit at the end of the 2009 operating year of \$9,956, which exceeds 5% of the 2009 operating budget of \$57,550;

AND WHEREAS the said cause of the deficit is a combination of

- a) a shortfall in water fees; and
- b) the effect of introducing Public Sector Accounting Board standards into the financial statements, especially as related to amortization expenses;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that said deficit be recovered from the Utility's surplus balance which is \$41,625 at December 31, 2010; and

AND WHEREAS the Utility has made submission dated August 17, 2010 for a rate increase.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The actual 2009 operating deficit of \$9,956 incurred in the Elgin water and sewer Utility in the Rural Municipality of Whitewater, for the purposes set out herein, IS HEREBY APPROVED to be recovered from the utility's fund surplus.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"GRAHAM LANE, CA"

Chairman

"K. SHIELDS"

Associate Secretary

Certified a true copy of Order No.
129/10 issued by The Public
Utilities Board

Associate Secretary

Board decisions may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, or reviewed in

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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 at www.pub.gov.mb.ca.