

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 154/12
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) November 26, 2012

BEFORE: Susan Proven, P.H.Ec., Acting Chair
Robert Warren, MBA, B. Comm. (Hons.), Member

ORDER VARYING BOARD ORDER NO. 145/12
FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF PINAWA
WATER and SEWER UTILITY RATES
- 2013, 2014, 2015 AND 2016

Summary:

The Local Government District (LGD) of Pinawa Water and Sewer System (Utility) has requested that the Public Utilities Board (Board) increase the water included in the basic charge to 14 cubic meters. Board Order No. 145/12, which set rates for the Local Government District of Pinawa Water and Sewer System, used 13.64 cubic meters of Water Included to calculate the basic charge.

After review, the Board varies Order No. 145/12 to amend the amount of water included in the basic charge as described in 2(a) of Schedule "A" of the Order from 13.64 cubic meters to 14 cubic meters.

Background:

On October 30, 2012 the Board issued Order No. 145/12 setting revised rates effective for 2013. Subsequent to the Order being issued, the LGD discovered that the billing software is unable to support the use of decimal points for the purpose of generating Utility bills. A request to review and vary Board Order No. 145/12 was submitted to the Board.

Request to Review and Vary:

The LGD submitted a request on November 1, 2012 to vary Board Order No. 145/12 to amend the amount of water included in the basic charge.

In its covering letter to the Board, the LGD sought the Board's approval for an increase in the water included in the calculation of the rates. The billing software used by the LGD is unable to support the use of decimal points for the purpose of generating the Utility's bills.

Board Findings:

In review of the LGD of Pinawa's By-law No.747-12, the Board notes that though the change in cubic meters will ultimately change the rates, the amount of this change is minimal and in keeping with the industry standard.

After considering the information filed and Board Order No. 145/12, the Board concludes that the Order is to be varied and the amount of water for the basic charge be changed to 14 cubic meters from 13.64 cubic meters.

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 at www.pub.gov.mb.ca.

