M A N I T O B A) Order No. 101/15) THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) October 19, 2015

BEFORE: Susan Proven, P.H.Ec, Acting Chair

The Hon. Anita Neville, P.C., B.A. (Hons.), Member

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PIPESTONE MUNICIPAL UTILITY ACTUAL DEFICIT 2014

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 the **Rural Municipality of Pipestone Municipal** Water Utility (Utility) incurred an operating deficit of **\$92,932** at the end of the **2014** operating year, when calculated for regulatory purposes;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that the reasons for said deficit are unanticipated water losses, line break repairs and a delay in connecting the community of Reston to the Utility;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that the **2014** deficit be recovered by a draw-down of **\$92,932** from the Utility Reserve Fund;

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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- The actual 2014 operating deficit, when calculated for regulatory purposes, of \$92,932 incurred in the Rural Municipality of Pipestone Municipal Water Utility Operations, is HEREBY APPROVED to be recovered from the Municipal Water Utility Reserve Fund.
- 2. The **Rural Municipality of Pipestone** review the Municipal Water Utility rates for adequacy and file a report with the Public Utilities Board, as well as an application for revised rates if required, by no later than December 31, 2015.

Fees payable upon this Order – \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"SUSAN PROVEN, P.H.Ec."_ Acting Chair

"JENNIFER DUBOIS, CPA, CMA"
Acting Secretary

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