

News Release

NOTICE OF DECISION

August 16, 2012

The Public Utilities Board (Board) varied the application made by the Rural Municipality of Blanshard (RM) for their Oak River Water and Sewer Utility and approved new water and sewer rates effective July 1, 2012. Rates were last amended in 1997.

Previous and revised rates are as follows:

	Previous	Requested	Approved	Increase/ Decrease
Water \$/1,000 gallons	\$15.30	\$25.86	\$26.00	70%
Sewer \$/1,000 gallons	\$1.10	\$5.70	\$4.50	309%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$7.00	\$11.23	\$11.23	60%
Minimum Quarterly*	\$56.20	\$105.91	\$102.73	83%
Bulk Water**	\$15.85	\$23.73	\$25.00	58%
Hydrant Rental Charge	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	7%

*Based on 3000 gallons

**Minimum charge \$12.50 (previously \$6.00)

The Board also approved herein the deficits for 2009 and 2011 to be absorbed by the Utility's operating surplus.

Details of other fees and charges are shown on the attached Schedule "A" to Board Order No. 109/12.

Board Orders can be viewed on the Board's website: <u>www.pub.gov.mb.ca</u>.

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