News Release



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By Board Order 65/11 released today, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves revised natural gas rates for Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (effective May 1, 2011). A typical residential consumer (projected to consume 2,465 m³ of natural gas per year) may anticipate a rate reduction of approximately 3%. Other customers are also expected to experience rate decreases; actual bill impacts will depend on the customer class and volumes of natural gas consumed.

Centra's customers are encouraged to avail themselves of Manitoba Hydro's energy efficiency programs, which include special programs for lower-income households. High efficiency furnaces are associated with reduced bills and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Energy prices are volatile, and while natural gas prices are now relatively low, conditions may, as they have in the past, rapidly change with market and weather events.

A copy of the Order, which contains significant additional information, may be reviewed on the Board's website <u>www.pub.gov.mb.ca</u>, or be obtained through the Board's Office.

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