



News Release

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NOTICE OF DECISION

By Board Order 89/12, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves an increase in the Primary Gas rates for Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (Centra) from 8.8 cents per cubic metre to 9.67 cents per cubic metre effective August 1, 2012.

Natural gas bills for the average residential customer purchasing Primary Gas from Centra will increase approximately 2.9% or \$21/year on an annual basis.

Primary gas rates for customers with fixed-term fixed-price contracts with either Centra or a private broker are not affected.

Natural gas commodity prices are volatile, and customers are encouraged to consider energy efficient options including, most importantly, high-efficiency gas-fired furnaces and improved insulation. Customers should avail themselves of Manitoba Hydro's energy efficiency programs, which include special programs for lower income customers. The lower-income furnace replacement program in particular should be attractive to eligible consumers.

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

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