



News Release

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By Board Order 7/09, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves revised natural gas rates effective February 1, 2009 for Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (Centra).

The "typical" residential customer receiving primary gas from Centra may expect an overall annual decrease of \$57, or 4.5 %. Centra's Primary Gas rates will decrease from \$0.3018m³ to \$0.2799m³ for customers receiving primary gas from Centra. Larger volume customers provided primary gas by Centra may expect a decrease in their annual natural gas bills in a range of 4.9% to 6.6%.

The next review will take place as of May 1, 2009.

Customers are encouraged to avail themselves of Manitoba Hydro's energy efficiency programs, which include special programs for low-income customers.

Petroleum prices remain volatile and, despite a decline in the Canadian dollar vis-à-vis the American dollar, current natural gas prices remain lower than expected. Given current global recessionary economic conditions and Centra's hedging and storage programs, the Board does not foresee significant price changes in the immediate future.

A copy of the Order, which contains 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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