



News Release

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By Board Order 147/09, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves revised and interim Primary natural gas rates effective November 1, 2009 for Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (Centra).

The “typical” residential customer receiving primary gas from Centra may expect an overall annual bill decrease of \$71, or 6.3%. Centra’s Primary Gas rates, being the largest component of natural gas bills, will decrease by 11.3 % (to \$0.2213m³ from \$0.2494m³). Larger volume customers provided primary gas by Centra may expect a decrease in their annual natural gas bills in the range of 7.0% to 10.0%.

The next review will take place as of February 1, 2010, when, based on current market conditions and other factors, a further decrease may occur.

Customers are continued to be encouraged to avail themselves of Manitoba Hydro’s energy efficiency programs, which include special programs for low-income customers. As well, federal incentives for improving energy efficiency and renovating properties are still in place.

Petroleum prices remain volatile and, together with a stronger Canadian dollar vis a vis the American dollar and an abundance of natural gas, current natural gas prices are likely to remain considerably lower than previously expected. Given global and North American economic conditions, and Centra’s hedging and storage programs, the Board does not foresee significant price increases through at least to the end of the upcoming winter season.

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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