



News Release

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By Board Order 106/10, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves revised Primary natural gas rates for Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., effective November 1, 2010.

Primary gas rates will decline by approximately 12% for all customer classes; the decrease follows other quarterly rate decreases that have occurred over the last year. The new rate for Primary gas will be \$0.1600 per cubic metre, the lowest price since the late 1990s.

Primary gas rates for customers with fixed term and price contracts with either Centra or a private broker are not affected; such rates are set by contract.

Natural gas commodity prices tend to be volatile, and customers are encouraged to consider energy efficient options such as high efficiency gas fired furnaces and improved insulation. Customers should avail themselves of Manitoba Hydro's energy efficiency programs, which include special programs for low-income customers.

With this decrease, the average residential customer, consuming 2530 cubic metres of gas per year may expect their annual gas bill to decline from \$954 to \$903 or 5.3%.

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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