News Release



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In Order No. 63/08 dated May 26, 2008, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved an application by the Rural Municipality of Victoria (RM) with respect to the Local Urban District of Cypress River (LUD) and establishes a surcharge of \$7.15 per thousand gallons on water consumed by Utility customers outside the LUD's boundaries.

However, with respect to the duration of the surcharge, the Board varies the RM's application and directed that the surcharge be in place from the next billing date through to the final billing for the year 2011.

This surcharge is to recover a part of the original capital cost of the system paid for by the residents of Cypress River through their taxes which was not recovered from the customers served beyond the LUD boundaries. While the Board extends the collection of the surcharge to 2011 it does not extend for the full period of the debenture.

As this matter flowed from the Board's consideration of the RM's general rate application for revised rates, which resulted in Order 172/07, for which public Notice was provided, the Board concluded no further notice was required.

A copy of these Orders may be viewed on the Board's website <u>www.pub.gov.mb.ca</u>, or at the Board's Office.

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