



News Release

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In Order 47/09 dated April 27, 2009, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved, on an interim *ex parte* basis, new rates for the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul (RM). The interim rates are effective immediately and are to be reflected in the next billing, now scheduled for mid-July 2009.

Rates are as follows:

Quarterly sewer rates:

	Interim
Customer Service Charge	\$ 6.71
Volumetric Charge per cubic meter (c.m.)	\$ 1.28
Residential Equivalent Unit - Commodity Charge	\$77.99

Both the volumetric and the Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) commodity charges shall be applied to the existing REU allocation, contained in RM By-law 2005-08, approved by Board Order 164/05.

Quarterly water commodity rates:

	Interim
Customer Service Charge	\$12.39
Volumetric Charge per c.m.	\$ 1.05
Bulk Volumetric Charge c.m.	\$ 1.27

The increases approximate 10% for the water service and 20% for the sewer; service charges will not change with this Order.

The Board's interim approval of these rates is provided on a conditional basis and without prior public notice due to the weak financial position of the RM's utility and a concurrent urgent need for higher revenue.

The Board also conditionally approves the 2009 budgeted deficits for the RM's sewer utility (\$230,800) and for the water utility (\$46,300), though the Board withholds a decision on how the deficit is to be funded pending the RM filing a new rate study with the Board no later than October 31, 2009.

Board Order No. 47/09 is available for review on the Board's website: www.pub.gov.mb.ca

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