News Release



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In Order No. 91/09 dated June 4, 2009 the Public Utilities Board (Board) varied the application of the Rural Municipality of Montcalm (RM) and approved revised water rates for the Montcalm Utility effective July 1, 2009, as follows:

Rates \$/1000 gallons	Existing	Approved	% Inc/(Dec.)
First 15,000	\$ 6.25	\$ 8.05	+29%
Over 15,000	\$ 5.10	\$ 7.15	+40%
Minimum Quarterly Bill (5/8" meter) ⁽¹⁾	\$25.75	\$30.55	+19%
Service Charge	\$ 7.00	\$ 6.40	- 9%

⁽¹⁾Includes 3,000 gallons and service charge.

The Board rejected the RM's proposal to introduce an additional 3rd step to the Montcalm rate schedule and directs continuation of the current 2-step rate schedule.

Accordingly, the minimum quarterly bill for a residential customer will be slightly less than the RM's proposal, while the annual cost of water for the average large volume user consuming 150,000 gallons per quarter may be expected to be \$50 per quarter higher than proposed by the RM (\$4,370 rather than \$4,320).

Board Order No. 91/09 with additional details of the application is available for review on the Board's website: <u>www.pub.gov.mb.ca</u>

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