News Release



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By Order No. 107/08 dated July 16, 2008, the Public Utilities Board (Board) varied an application of the Rural Municipality of Mountain (RM) for revised water rates for the Local Urban District of Mafeking (LUD).

Existing and approved rates:

	Existing	Approved	Increase
Per REU ⁽¹⁾	\$43.52	\$53.20	22%
Service Charge	\$14.00	\$17.00	21%
Reserve Charge	-	\$ 5.00	
Total Quarterly Charge	\$57.52	\$75.20	31%
Bulk water (\$/1000 gallons)	\$12.00	\$12.00	

Note 1: This is a charge for each residential consumer as meters are not used for billing purposes. Commercial customers are charged a multiple of the residential charge based on estimated use.

While the Board approves the RM's rate proposals, it also directs that a surcharge of \$5.00 per REU be added, the surcharge to be deposited directly into the Utility's reserve fund.

And, by this Order, the Board also approves 2006 and 2007 Utility operating deficits, to be recovered through property taxes over three years.

A Notice of Application was mailed to each customer with an invitation to write the Board with any concerns or comments; none were received.

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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