



News Release

September 1, 2009

By Order 124/09 dated September 1, 2009, and following a public hearing held in Altona, the Public Utilities Board (Board or PUB) approves Pembina Valley Water Cooperative's (PVWC) application for revised wholesale/bulk water rates.

The new rate of \$6.40 per 1,000 imperial gallons (currently \$5.40) will take effect October 1, 2009.

As well, the Board provides PVWC's Board of Directors (Directors) discretionary authority to implement additional rate increases of up to 2% on January 1 of 2011, 2012 and 2013, if the Directors deem the increases to be necessary. The Board also provides approval to PVWC's member municipalities to increase their retail water rates to reflect the "pass-through" of additional costs arising out of PVWC's rate increases approved by PUB. Regulatory cost savings for the 18 member municipalities of PVWC are expected to ensue.

In the Order, PUB commends the cooperation of PVWC and its operation of a regional water system providing adequate and clean water to communities with an overall population of approximately 45, 000.

Board Order No.124/09 with additional details of the application is available for review on the Board's website: www.pub.gov.mb.ca

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