

News Release

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In Order No. 83/11 dated June 16, 2011 the Public Utilities Board (Board) declared the sewer system, including lagoon services, in the Rural Municipality of Rhineland (RM) a public utility. The Board also approved on an *ex parte* basis an interim sewer rate of \$4.90 per 1,000 gallons effective July 1, 2011.

While the RM's June application sought approval for revised water rates, other utility charges and additional annual increases, the Board deemed it in the public interest to set an interim sewer rate, in order to avoid incurring deficits in the sewer portion of the utility. The Board will be seeking additional information from the RM regarding its application, following which the Board will then proceed with a public hearing process.

This Order can be viewed on the Board's website: <u>www.pub.gov.mb.ca</u>. The RM's application is available for review at the municipal office.

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