



## News Release

May 20, 2009

In Order No. 84/09 dated May 20, 2009, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved revised water rates for the Rural Municipality of Riverside (RM) serving the community of Dunrea as set out in By-law No. 2 of 2009 effective January 1, 2009 as noted below:

Annual Flat Fee <sup>(1)</sup>	Existing (2004)	Approved	Increase
Administration	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	Ø
Per Residential Equivalent Units (REU) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$330.00	\$405.00	22.7%
Total annual charge	\$340.00	\$415.00	22.0%

Note: <sup>(1)</sup>Collected with taxes.

<sup>(2)</sup>Four customers are assigned 2 REUs and accordingly the annual charges would be \$820.00 ( $\$405.00 \times 2 + \$10.00$ )

In addition, the Board approves two discretionary increases of up to 10% to be effective January 1, 2010 and 2011.

The Board expresses concern about the affordability of operating the utility based on a customer base of 46 customers which, the RM advises is declining and also, changing to seasonal use only, particularly in light of the upgrading required to the system.

Notice of the RM's application was mailed to each customer with an invitation to write the Board with any concerns or comments by no later than May 1, 2009. No comments were received.

Board Order No. 84/09 with additional details of the application is available for review on the Board's website: [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca)

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