



## News Release

April 22, 2008

In Order No. 47/08 dated April 21, 2008, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved, on an interim ex parte basis, new rates for the Rural Municipality of Edward (RM), with respect to the RM's customers in the Local Urban District of Lyleton (LUD).

The new annual charge of \$75.00 per connected customer is to be added to the RM's 2008 property tax bills as a distinct charge; the new annual fire hydrant charge of \$75.00 is to be paid by the RM to its Utility. The existing annual \$160.00 charge to a rural customer, which was not included in By-law No. 1/85, is also approved.

The \$75 charge to connected customers is to be in addition to the \$20.00 charge now collected quarterly on water bills, as set out in By-law No. 1/85, previously approved by Board Order 33/85. The overall effect will approximate a 100% increase to the total annual charges for water service (\$155 for connected customers, compared to the annual \$80.00 currently charged on a quarterly basis).

The Board provided approval on a conditional basis, and without prior public notice, due to its assessment of the weak financial position of the RM's utility and an urgent need for higher revenue conditional upon the RM applying for final rates by no later than September 30, 2008.

A copy of these Orders may be viewed on the Board's website [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca), or at the Board's Office.

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