



News Release

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By Order No. 141/08, the Public Utilities Board (Board) provides an interim overall average rate increase of 10% to Stittco Utilities Man Ltd. (Stittco).

While, initially, Stittco had sought an overall average rate increase of approximately 26%, the company's subsequently amended application reduced their proposed overall average increase to 14.5%, this to reflect market declines in propane commodity prices. Though the Board has not concluded on Stittco's application, it has determined that interim increases are now advisable given the onset of the heating season and to avoid the risk of larger adjustments that might have occurred on finalization of the review, now projected to be by the end of December 2008. The interim rate increases now provided are subject to change once the review has been completed.

The increases reflect a new rate structure whereby propane commodity rates will be uniform for all customers while distribution and overhead rates will vary by volume. The new schedule also introduces a fixed monthly charge, this to recognize the Company's fixed costs and infrastructure. The new rate structure also represents a start to addressing the cross-subsidization of residential customers by commercial customers, a situation that has existed for some time.

A copy of this Order, which contains detailed rates and rationale, may be reviewed on the Board's website, www.pub.gov.mb.ca, or be obtained through the Board's Office.

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