



## News Release

September 16, 2009

By Order 130/09 dated September 16, 2009, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved the application of the Rural Municipality of Stuartburn (RM) for revised sewer rates for the community of Vita, as set out in the RM's By-law No. 088/2009.

Existing (from 1998) and revised rates, on a per residential equivalent unit (REU) basis, are:

Annual Charge	Existing (1998)	Revised	Increase (Decrease)
Service	\$ 2.29	\$ 1.76	(23%)
REU	\$ 114.71	\$ 138.24	21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 117.00</b>	<b>\$ 140.00</b>	<b>20%</b>

For billing purposes, residential customers are assigned one REU, while commercial customers are assigned multiples of the REU based on the estimated consumption -- assignments are reviewed annually by the RM.

While the new rates do not reflect an annual provision for amortization of plant and equipment, now to be required for municipal financial statements pursuant to changed accounting rules, the Board accepts the application while directing the RM to consider the matter further for reflection in the next rate change.

Notice of the RM's application was mailed to each customer with an invitation to write the Board with comments or concerns and none were received.

Board Order No. 130/09 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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