News Release



October 30, 2008

By Order No. 148/08, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved an increase of existing natural gas commodity rates for Swan Valley Gas Corporation (SVGC). SVGC supplies gas to Benito, Swan River, Minitonas and Louisiana Pacific Ltd.

On September 23, 2008, SVGC filed a rate application with the Board seeking an increase of existing rates.

The rates reflect SVGC's cost of natural gas commodity supplies of \$7.854/GJ (gigajoule), an increase from \$7.10/GJ, for winter gas covering the period November 2008 to October 2009. An existing rate rider of \$1.035/GJ will be reduced to \$0.70 which will allow SVGC to recover accumulated shortfalls from customers due to commodity price and volume fluctuations.

	Rates		
	Basic Monthly Charge \$	Delivery Charge \$/m ³	Gas Consumption Charge \$/m ³
Residential	15.00	0.132	0.388
Commercial	26.69	0.055	0.388
General Service	26.69	0.043	0.378
Institutional	26.69	0.031	0.370

The following table shows the rate structure effective November 1, 2008.

A copy of this Order may either be reviewed on the Board's website <u>www.pub.gov.mb.ca</u>, or obtained from the Board's Office.

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