



News Release

December 31, 2009

In Order 178/09 dated December 31, 2009, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved both an interim *ex parte* utility rate increase for the Town of The Pas (Town) and the recovery of the utility's 2008 operating deficit (\$193,127.47) from the utility reserve fund.

The revised rates, take effect with respect to all consumption after January 1, 2010.

Below is a summary of the increases (subject to variances, depending on usage and meter size):

Commodity \$/1000 gallons	Existing Water	Existing Sewer	Combined	Interim Water	Interim Sewer	Interim Combined	% Inc
First 18,000	\$ 7.25	\$2.75	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.80	\$3.20	\$ 12.00	20.0
Next 82,000	\$ 4.75	\$2.75	\$ 7.50	\$ 6.80	\$3.20	\$ 10.00	33.0
Over 100,000	\$ 2.70	\$2.75	\$ 5.45	\$ 4.30	\$3.20	\$ 7.50	38.0
Bulk	\$ 8.00	-	-	\$10.00	-	-	25.0
Service Charges	-	-	\$ 11.00	-	-	\$ 11.00	0
Minimum Quarterly ⁽¹⁾	-	-	\$ 51.00	-	-	\$ 59.00	16.0
Average household ⁽²⁾	-	-	\$ 174.00	-	-	\$ 206.60	19.0
Large Volume User ⁽³⁾	-	-	\$2,061.71	-	-	\$2,775.04	34.6

Notes: ⁽¹⁾ Includes 4,000 gallons
⁽²⁾ Using 16,300 gallons per quarter
⁽³⁾ Using ~ 330,405 gallons per quarter

The Town is to provide notice to its ratepayers of the decision of the Public Utilities Board and of the immediate rate increase.

Board Order No. 178/09 is available for review on the Board's website: www.pub.gov.mb.ca

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