



News Release

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NOTICE OF DECISION

By Board Order 40/13, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.'s (Centra) application to increase the current Primary Gas rate from \$0.0967/m³ to \$0.1157/m³ effective May 1, 2013. The projected annual bill impact for a typical residential customer is an increase of approximately 5.6% or \$42 per year. Primary Gas rates will be reviewed again August 1, 2013.

Primary Gas rates for customers that have signed fixed-term fixed-price contracts with either Centra or a private broker are not affected.

Natural gas commodity prices can be volatile. Customers should consider options for reducing their energy consumption including, most importantly, high-efficiency gas-fired furnaces and improved insulation. Manitoba Hydro supports energy efficiency programs, including special programs for lower income customers. In particular, the lower-income furnace replacement program should be attractive to eligible consumers.

A copy of the Order, which contains significant additional information, 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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