



## News Release

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By Board Order 4/10, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves revised and interim Primary natural gas rates for Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., effective February 1, 2010.

The Primary gas rate reduction of 2.9% for residential customers (1.7% to 2.6% for larger volume customers) will equate to an anticipated annual saving of approximately \$16 and represents the fourth consecutive quarter in which Primary gas rates for quarterly-priced gas have fallen. Rates will fall from \$0.2213m<sup>3</sup> to \$0.2148 per cubic meter.

Primary gas rates will next be reviewed as of May 1, 2010; no significant change in quarterly-priced Primary gas is currently expected for that time.

Customers purchasing Primary natural gas through fixed price and term contracts (either from a private gas marketer or from Centra) are not affected by this change. Primary gas rates for such customers are established by contract not through quarterly changes.

Customers are continued to be encouraged to avail themselves of the Manitoba Hydro's energy efficiency programs, which include special programs for low-income customers, and, for a very limited period of time, the federal government's tax credit offering. Energy prices are volatile, and while natural gas prices are now relatively low, conditions change with events.

A copy of the Order, which contains significant additional information, may be reviewed on the Board's website [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca), or be obtained through the Board's Office.

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