



News Release

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By Board Order 46/10 released today, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves revised natural gas rates for Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., effective May 1, 2010.

Based on the rate adjustments flowing from this Order, the typical residential consumer (consuming 2533 m³ of natural gas per year) can expect an annual bill reduction of approximately \$66 or 6.4%.

Other customers will also experience annual bill decreases, ranging from 6% to 18.8% depending on their customer class and volumes of natural gas consumed.

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. Space heating by natural gas may be expected to result in an annual bill ranging from \$700 to \$1000 for the typical residential customer; the lower cost is for those with high efficiency furnaces, the higher for those with conventional furnaces.

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, or be obtained through the Board's Office.

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