



News Release

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By Order 134/10, following the Public Utilities Board's (PUB) public hearing of Manitoba Hydro's (MH) application for revised rates for four northern communities relying on diesel-generated electricity, PUB varies the application and establishes reduced rates for residential and non-government General Service customers' monthly electricity consumption in excess of 2,000 kWh. PUB also establishes new and higher rates for government-supported accounts.

PUB reviews living conditions in the four northern communities, the only communities in Manitoba not connected to the provincial electricity grid, and strongly recommends connecting the communities to the grid as soon as possible. PUB calls for an assessment of all residences and other buildings in the communities, to determine the necessary upgrades to allow for improved heat retention and electricity conservation.

A copy of this Order, Order 134/10, and past Orders concerning Diesel Zone rates may either be reviewed on the Board's website www.pub.gov.mb.ca, or obtained from the Board's Office.

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