



News Release

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In Order No. 63/10 dated June 18, 2010, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved new water and sewer rates for the Rural Municipality of Gimli (RM) on an interim *ex parte* basis. The new rates take effect with the next quarterly billing, now scheduled for the first week of July 2010.

The interim rates are as sought by the RM and advertised by way of the Board's Notice, dated May 17, 2010. Of importance to customers is the now approved lower consumption volumes included in the minimum quarterly bill, i.e. for a customer with a 5/8" meter, 13.5 m³ (~3,000 gallons) of water is now included, reduced from 25 m³ (~5,500 gallons).

Rates are set out in Order 63/10, and summarized as follows:

Sewer Customers

Commodity Charge -	\$ 1.28/m ³
Service Charge -	\$ 11.86/quarter
Residential Equivalent Unit -	\$ 69.59/quarter
Bulk Sewer Rate -	\$ 4.70/m ³

Water Customers

Urban Area	
Commodity Charge -	\$ 1.09/m ³
Service Charge -	\$ 9.37/quarter
Bulk Water Rate -	\$ 1.26/m ³
Pelican Beach	
Commodity Charge -	\$ 0.71/m ³
Service Charge -	\$ 10.02/quarter
Residential Equivalent Unit -	\$ 47.49/quarter
Bulk Water Rate -	\$ 3.04/m ³
Gimli Industrial Park	
Commodity Charge -	\$ 1.41/m ³
Service Charge -	\$ 11.37/quarter
Residential Equivalent Unit -	\$ 66.48/quarter
Bulk Water Rate -	\$ 1.54/m ³

Being interim, the Board's approval is subject to change following a public hearing to be held in the fall of 2010. The interim increase reflects the Board's perception that additional utility revenues are required to ensure financial viability.

Also, the Board declares the RM's sewer systems, serving the Loni Beach area and the South Beach, to be public utilities, pursuant to Subsection 2(6) of *The Public Utilities Board Act*.

The Order can be viewed in its entirety on the Board's website: www.pub.gov.mb.ca.

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