



## News Release

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By Board Order 107/10, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves revised propane gas commodity and non-commodity rates for customers of Stittco Utilities Man Ltd., effective for propane consumption on or after November 1, 2010.

The implications of the rate changes are an overall increase in commodity rates of approximately 35% and a non-commodity rate increase of 9.7%. The overall effect of these increases is an expected increase in costs to consumers of approximately 23%. Increases will vary depending on the level of consumption. The commodity rate change reflects a quarterly adjustment to rates to account for changes in commodity costs; non-commodity costs are reviewed annually.

Propane costs and rates have risen since July, and, with these increases the expected cost of heating the average residential property by propane will be approximately three times the cost of heating by electricity (when using a mid-efficient propane furnace and not taking into account the cost of converting to electrical heat).

The Board encourages all propane consumers to consider implementing energy efficiency measures such as insulation improvements and high efficiency furnaces and/or pursuing alternative heating sources (such as electricity, geothermal or biomass).

A copy of the Order, which contains 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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