



News Release

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By Board Order 20/11, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves revised Primary natural gas rates for Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (Centra), effective February 1, 2011.

Natural gas bills for the average residential customer purchasing Primary Gas from Centra will increase by approximately 2%, on an annual basis. The increase represents the first increase in cost and Primary gas rates since February of 2010. The new rate for Primary gas will be \$0.1687 per cubic metre, up from \$0.1600

Primary gas rates for customers with fixed-term and price contracts with either Centra or a private broker are not affected; such rates are set by contract.

Natural gas commodity prices tend to be volatile, and customers are encouraged to, during this period of low natural gas prices, consider energy efficient options such as high efficiency gas fired furnaces and improved insulation. Customers should avail themselves of Manitoba Hydro's energy efficiency programs, which include special programs for low-income customers.

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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