



News Release

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By Board Order 96/11, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves revised Primary Gas rates for Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (Centra), effective August 1, 2011.

Natural gas bills for the average residential customer purchasing Primary Gas from Centra are expected to decrease by approximately 1.8%, on an annual basis. The new rate for Primary gas will be \$0.1468 per cubic metre, down from \$0.1548 per cubic metre.

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 consider energy efficient options including, most importantly, 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 (the lower-income furnace replacement program in particular).

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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