



News Release

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In Order No. 60/11 dated April 21, 2011 the Public Utilities Board approved combining the water and sewer utilities of the Rural Municipality of Fisher (RM) into one utility (to provide service in Fisher Branch). As well, the Board confirmed and finalized interim rates as set by Order 3/11 and provided additional increases, as set out below:

\$/1,000 gallons	Previously Approved	Final	2012	2013
Water	\$2.60	\$5.20	\$5.35	\$5.50
Sewer	-	\$4.60	\$4.65	\$4.75
Quarterly Service charge	\$3.50	\$15.50	\$15.90	\$16.35
Minimum Quarterly*	\$11.30 (Water Only)	\$44.90 (water and sewer)	\$45.90	\$47.10
Sewer Only**	-	\$96.50	\$97.75	\$99.95
Bulk Water	\$5	\$7.50	\$7.60	\$7.75
Reconnection	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Hydrant Rental	-	\$150	\$150	\$150

*Includes 3,000 gallons

**Based on 17,600 gallons

Water rates have not been revised since 1997. Previously, sewer costs were recovered through property tax bills, and the basis for the billings did not include water consumption.

Furthermore, the Board approves recovery of the 2007 (\$1,120) and 2008 (\$2,260) operating deficits of the water utility (to be offset by transfers from utility accumulated surplus).

This Order, which provides additional details, can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pub.gov.mb.ca.

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