



News Release

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By Order 40/11, arising out of the Public Utilities Board's (PUB) ongoing public hearing of Manitoba Hydro's (MH) General Rate Application, PUB approves an interim 2.0% rate increase to be applied effective April 1, 2011. Manitoba Hydro had applied for a 2.9% rate increase. The increase applies to all customer classes with the exception of the Area and Roadway Lighting class. Manitoba Hydro is to file with the Board rate schedules to reflect the creation of a single block rate for all residential customers. This to recognize the higher cost of home heating by electricity than by natural gas and the lack of access to natural gas heating in many areas of the Province.

In the Order, PUB reviews various risks associated with MH's operations and plans and concludes that another interim rate increase is required ahead of the conclusion of the hearing.

A copy of this Order, Order 40/11, and past Orders concerning MH and electricity rates may either be reviewed on the Board's website www.pub.gov.mb.ca, or obtained from the Board's Office.

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