



## News Release

September 23, 2011

In Order No. 125/11 dated September 23, 2011 the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved on an *ex parte* basis initial and interim water and sewer utility rates for the Townsite of Gunton (Townsite) in the Rural Municipality of Rockwood (RM). The rates are to be reflected on the next quarterly billing, consistent with the RM's by-law.

### Initial interim rates:

	Proposed	Approved Interim Rates
Quarterly service charge	\$13.00	\$ 15.00
Water per m <sup>3</sup>	\$ 2.15	\$ 4.65
Sewer per m <sup>3</sup>	\$ 0.43	\$ 2.75
Minimum quarterly charge (5/8")*	\$51.70	\$126.00
Bulk Water per m <sup>3</sup>	\$ 3.43**	\$ 3.43**

\*Includes 15 cubic meters  
\*\*Plus \$50.00 per fill

These rates will remain in effect until July 1, 2012 unless modified sooner by an order of the Board.

The Gunton utility is new, thus the establishment of initial rates. It receives its water supply from the Community of Balmoral Sewer and Water Utility System. The decision to increase the proposed rates was made by the Board to more closely reflect what would appear to be the indicated rates which Balmoral would have to charge to break even. The Board will conduct a thorough review of Gunton's utility revenue requirements once the rate study is filed in December 2011. Ratepayers will then be provided notice, and allowed an opportunity to provide comments to the Board.

This Order which provides additional details of terms and condition for services and other charges can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca).

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