

**STITTCO UTILITIES MAN LTD.**  
**Proposed Non-Commodity Rate Revision**  
**Notice of Application**

August 24, 2017

On July 21, 2017 Stittco Utilities Man Ltd. (Stittco) filed an application with the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (Board) requesting a non-commodity rate increase of 4% effective November 1, 2017. Non-commodity rates recover costs incurred by Stittco for the distribution of propane to customers. The last rate adjustment to non-commodity base rates occurred for rates effective November 1, 2016 in accordance with Board Order 136/16.

Stittco's current and proposed non-commodity base rates<sup>1</sup> are as follows:

	<b>Current Non-Commodity Rates Effective November 1, 2016</b>	<b>Proposed Non-Commodity Rates Effective November 1, 2017</b>
Basic Monthly Charge Delivery Charge	\$10.00/month	\$10.00/month
First 100/m <sup>3</sup>	\$1.3960	\$1.4553
Next 400/ m <sup>3</sup>	\$1.2450	\$1.2979
Next 1000/ m <sup>3</sup>	\$1.1781	\$1.2282
Next 2500/ m <sup>3</sup>	\$0.9544	\$0.9950
Over 4000/ m <sup>3</sup>	\$0.7322	\$0.7633

<sup>1</sup> The non-commodity base rates shown in this table do not include the one year distribution rate rider implemented on January 1, 2017 in accordance with Board Order 158/16. This temporary distribution rate rider was introduced following the Board's review of Stittco's 2016 Non-Commodity Cost Application, which found that Stittco customers had been overcharged in distribution rates approved by the Board for rates commencing in November 2013, 2014, and 2015. The overcharged amount was due to an arithmetic error in the accounting of revenues collected in the Basic Monthly Charge and corresponding distribution rates. The impact of the Order 158/16 rate rider is an approximate 14 percent reduction in customer distribution base rates (i.e.: those in the table above) for a one year period, effective January 1, 2017.

**Customer comments or concerns with respect to Stittco's Application for the non-commodity rate increase should be provided to the Board by October 6, 2017 at:**

The Manitoba Public Utilities Board  
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The Manitoba Ombudsman has issued privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

Propane commodity rates are set quarterly and are approved by the Public Utilities Board in accordance with the Board-approved quarterly rate setting process.

A copy of Stittco's non-commodity Application can be found on the Public Utilities Board's website at [www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/). Should additional information be required, please contact your local Stittco Office at (204) 677-2304, or customers may contact The Public Utilities Board.

Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accord with the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* which the Board may vary in order to constrain regulatory costs. The Rules are available at [www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/)

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017

*"Original Signed By:"*

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Darren Christle  
Executive Director  
Manitoba Public Utilities Board