

# News Release

October 26, 2017

## NOTICE OF DECISION

The Public Utilities Board (Board) approved an application from Stittco Utilities Man Ltd. (Stittco) to increase the propane commodity rate from \$0.9679/m<sup>3</sup> to \$1.4454/m<sup>3</sup> for propane consumed on or after November 1, 2017. Propane, both the commodity and its transportation to Manitoba, is sold on a cost recovery basis without markup by Stittco to its customers.

The Board also approved an application from Stittco to approve its 2018 revenue requirement and its 2017 rate base, which together contribute to a 4.25% increase in Stittco's base delivery charges for the recovery of non-commodity costs effective November 1, 2017. Non-commodity costs include costs incurred by Stittco for the distribution of propane to customers. Rate base is the value of property upon which the utility is allowed to earn a specified rate of return, which remains at 10%.

The commodity rate increase, along with approved delivery charges and the existing Order 158/16 distribution rate riders, is expected to increase the average overall residential propane monthly bills by approximately 24% when compared to the current propane rates that were approved for August 1, 2017. Actual customer impacts will depend on propane consumption. The commodity portion of Stittco's propane rates will be reviewed again February 1, 2018. The non-commodity portion of Stittco's propane rates will be reviewed again November 1, 2018.

The Board is an impartial tribunal and regulator, arm's length from government, which acts in the public interest.

Board Orders 115/17 and 116/17 contain additional information on Stittco's Commodity and Non-Commodity Rate Applications and the Board's decisions. The Orders are available on the Board's website at [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca), or through the Board's Office.

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