

## NOTICE OF DECISION

April 18, 2017

In Board Order No. 40/17, the Public Utilities Board (PUB) denied the application for removal of the Springstein Water Standpipe / Lido Plage Utility in the Rural Municipality of Cartier.

The PUB reached its decision for four primary reasons:

1. Although the RM had the opportunity to apply for a rate adjustment to offset the increased operating cost of the standpipe, it chose not to;
2. The RM has not adequately investigated the empirical costs of retrofitting the standpipe to meet regulatory requirements nor adequately explored alternatives for accurate sales point approaches;
3. Impacted residents indicated that they were willing to pay more than the connected water rate for bulk water;
4. The RM's estimate for domestic and agricultural standpipe users was not established with diligence and sufficient accuracy nor was reasonable effort made to communicate with impacted residents.

Additionally, the PUB reiterates its recommendation to the RM in Board Order No. 125/16 whereby the RM make a decision about operating three water utilities or a single regional utility. Once the RM has made this decision, it will be able to make the necessary operational and administrative decisions consistent with the determination.

Board Orders can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca).