

## Natural Gas Rate Change on November 1, 2021

Manitoba Hydro's Primary Gas rate is increasing from 13.23¢ per cubic metre to 19.16¢ per cubic metre effective November 1, 2021. The annual bill for the typical residential customer will increase by approximately 17.1 per cent or \$124 per year (\$10.33 per month). For larger volume customers, annualized bill impacts will range from increases of 18.6 per cent to 34.1 per cent depending on customer class and consumption levels.

This rate increase is primarily the result of changes to the price Manitoba Hydro pays for natural gas from Alberta. North American natural gas prices are increasing due to below average production and inventories, as well as recovering demand for natural gas as the North American, European, and Asian economies rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Primary Gas rates are updated each quarter (February, May, August and November) according to the forecast cost of Primary Gas supplies for the next 12 months. When the market price of natural gas goes up or down, the Primary Gas rate is adjusted each quarter accordingly. Manitoba Hydro earns no profit on the sale of Primary Gas. The price the utility pays is passed directly on to customers with no markup.

Manitoba Hydro lessens the impacts of volatile natural gas prices on its customers through the use of gas storage. Customers also have the option of paying their natural gas bills in 12 equal monthly installments by enrolling in the Equal Payment Plan, which helps smooth out volatility.

For more information on natural gas rates, contact Manitoba Hydro at (204) 480-5900 in Winnipeg or 1-888-624-9376 (toll-free) elsewhere in Manitoba or visit [www.hydro.mb.ca](http://www.hydro.mb.ca).

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