

June 28, 2023

Dear Water Customer:

The SBIP Water (SBW) has filed for a rate increase approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. Since 1999 the SBW has increased water rates only 37 percent, and there has been no increase since 2014. Operating expenses including wages, insurance, utilities, and repairs and maintenance expenses have steadily risen over the last nine years. Company-wide, the proposed increase represents approximately \$119,664, or a 55.7 percent increase annually. If approved, the rates will become effective August 1, 2023, and will be reflected in your September 1, 2023 billing statement.

In accordance with state climate guidelines, the existing rate structure, which benefited heavier users, is being replaced with a flat minimum charge and rates that increase with usage. SBW's filing represents a rate increase lower than the state's recommendation. As such, we intend to re-evaluate the effect of the proposed increase next year with a view toward moving closer to the state's recommendation.

Meter Size	Current Allowance	Proposed Allowance	Current Monthly Charge	Proposed Monthly Charge	Monthly Usage	Current Usage Rates	Proposed Usage Rates
5/8"	500 cf	250 cf	\$ 15.96	\$ 23.14	0-125,000 cf	\$0.5995 per 100 cf	\$0.8800 per 100 cf
3/4"	500 cf	250 cf	\$ 17.55	\$ 25.45	125,000- 325,000 cf	\$0.4735 per 100 cf	\$0.8800 per 100 cf
1"	500 cf	250 cf	\$ 19.15	\$ 27.77	Over 325,000 cf	\$0.3470 per 100 cf	\$0.8800 per 100 cf
1.5"	1,000 cf	500 cf	\$ 28.57	\$ 41.43			
2"	1,500 cf	750 cf	\$ 38.14	\$ 55.30			
3"	2,500 cf	1,250 cf	\$ 55.72	\$ 80.79			
4"	3,600 cf	1,800 cf	\$ 73.30	\$ 106.29			
6"	5,100 cf	2,550 cf	\$ 97.16	\$ 140.88			

(cf = cubic foot. One cu. Ft. of water = 7.48 gallons) Note: Volume charge applies after allowance based on meter size above.

If you have questions about the proposed filing and how it will affect you, please call Bill Jenkins at SBIP Water at (509) 924-1720.

The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be either lower or higher than the company's request, depending on the results of its investigation. You can comment on the case by using the "Submit a Comment" feature at the Commission's Web site at www.utc.wa.gov or by using the contact information below.

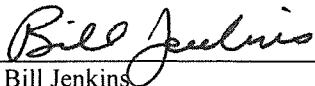
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Commission Staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at an open meeting which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on July 27. You will have an opportunity to provide your comments at this meeting either in person or remotely. If you intend to listen or participate remotely, call 360-664-1234 at least a day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in. You should also call this number if you plan to attend in person to verify that the case has not been rescheduled to a later open meeting date. The Commission's street address is 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey.

The WUTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this open meeting, please contact the Commission at 1-888-333-9882 or email consumer@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

CROWN WEST REALTY dba SBIP WATER


By: Bill Jenkins