

Great Basin Water Co Kiona LLC
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RE: Great Basin Water Co Kiona LLC General Rate Filing

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Great Basin Water Co Kiona LLC wishes to revise our current tariff with the Commission. The company has not requested an increase in rates since 2008, when the water system was owned by Harrison-Ray Water Company. Since that time, there has been significant increases in expenses that we cannot cover without additional revenue provided by a rate increase. We have experienced a 60% increase in auto expenses (\$11,100), a 185% increase in office/phone/internet/postage/supplies expenses (\$14,475), an 170% increase in rent expense (\$4,900), a 265% increase in repairs & maintenance (\$23,215), a 182% increase in materials & supplies (\$13,930), a 325% increase in professional fees due to outsourced accounting (\$31,275), a 58% increase in power costs (\$17,100), a 90% increase in property taxes (\$2,684) and a 223% increase in wages & payroll taxes from 2020 to 2021 (\$96,316) as Great Basin Water is now paying a full-time water master/manager and higher worker wages for 2 other full time employees. The company is requesting an increase in our monthly metered rates to cover these increased costs. With the increased rates, the company anticipates an increased revenue of \$133,255. The expected increased annual operating costs of the company are over \$143,000 (or \$97,547 without depreciation), which would be covered by these increased rates.

Changes in rates for ¾" metered customers:

Monthly Rates	Current Rate
Base Rate	\$20.25
0-2,900 cu ft per 100 cu ft	\$0.75
2,901-8,000 cu ft per 100 cu ft	\$1.00
Over 8,000 cu ft per 100 cu ft	\$1.30

Monthly Rates	Proposed Rate
Base Rate (zero cubic feet of usage)	\$27.00
0-1,000 cu ft per 100 cu ft	\$1.00
1,001-3,309 cu ft per 100 cu ft	\$2.00
Over 3,309 cu ft per 100 cu ft	\$3.00

One cu ft = approx. 7.48 gallons of water

Below is a list of changes to other fee charges:

Charge	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Disconnection Visit Charge	\$25.00	\$40.00
Reconnection Visit Charge	\$25.00	\$40.00
Service Visit Charge	\$50.00	\$100.00
Late Payment Charge (minimum) *	\$2.50	\$5.00
Account Setup	\$25.00	\$50.00
NSF Check Charge	\$15.00	\$9.00
Service Connection Charge	\$600.00	\$1000.00
Water Availability Letter Charge	\$20.00	\$20.00

The company anticipates increased revenue from the ancillary charges of \$250 for increased account setup fees (10 setups x \$25 increase), \$250 from service visit increased charges (5 visits x \$50 increased charge), and \$180 from disconnect visit charges (\$15 increase x 12 visits per year), and a decrease of (\$108) for the decreased NSF check charge to match the current bank rate of \$9.00 per NSF check (\$15-\$6 x 12) for a total increased revenue of \$572.

Attached is:

1. Customer notice for ¾” and 2” customers
2. Tariff sheets
3. Water Rate Case Workbook

Please call (509) 438-4450 or (509) 627-2937 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Corey Bitton

Enclosure