



DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2021

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Roche Harbor Water System, Inc has asked the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) for authorization for a general rate change and to update the tariff. If approved, the new rates will become effective May 1, 2021. Your rates have not been increased since 2012 yet throughout this time there have been significant repairs and improvements within the system including pump replacements, and major line replacements. The Seattle Consumer Price Index (CPI), has increased by 20% during this time. This increase in water rates will only partially cover over time what has been spent to bring clean safe water to your homes. If you have any questions about how this rate change may affect you, please call Roche Harbor Water System at 360-378-3500 or email water@rhwater.com.

The company revenue impact of this filing, based on a 2020 test year, will be an increase of approximately 20%. If approved, the average bill will increase by \$9.93 per month per unit starting May 1, 2021. The rate impact is presented below:

Current Rates:

Meter Size	Monthly Base Rate	1st Block(per 1000 gallons up to 5000)	2nd Block (Per 1000 gallons 5001-10,000)	3rd Block (Per 1000 gallons Over 10,001)
3/4 Inch	\$32.00	4.60	8.70	10.90
1 Inch	53.44	4.60	8.70	10.90
1.5 Inch	106.56	4.60	8.70	10.90
2 Inch	170.56	4.60	8.70	10.90
3 Inch	320.00	4.60	8.70	10.90
4 Inch	533.44	4.60	8.70	10.90
6 Inch	1066.56	4.60	8.70	10.90

Proposed Rates:

Meter Size	Monthly Base Rate	1 st Block (gallons)	1 st Usage Rate*	2 nd Block (gallons)	2 nd Usage Rate*	3 rd Block (gallons)	3 rd Usage Rate*
¾ "	38.40	5,000	5.52	10,000	10.44	10,001	13.08
1 "	64.00	5,000	5.52	10,000	10.44	10,001	13.08
2 "	204.80	5,000	5.52	10,000	10.44	10,001	13.08
4 "	640.00	5,000	5.52	10,000	10.44	10,001	13.08



The surcharge currently in place on each 1000 gallons of usage will remain the same. This surcharge expires November 30, 2023 upon recovery of the \$1,634,700 DWSRF Loan which was borrowed to build the treatment plant and new 12" main in 2003. Additionally, the company will be adjusting some of the ancillary charges to help recover cost directly incurred by customers. Ancillary Charges will be adjusted to the following:

Rule#	Rule Description	Old Charges	Proposed Charge	Percentage Change
Rule 5	Disconnection Visit Charge (per visit)	\$00.00	\$75.00	100%
Rule 6	Reconnection Charge (per visit)	\$41.00	\$75.00	82.9%
Rule 11	Service Visit Charge	\$41.00	\$75.00/hr	82.9%
Rule 14	Late Payment Charge	1% and \$2.00	2% or \$6	200%
Rule 20	Account Set-up Charge	\$25.00	\$50.00	50%
Rule 21	NSF Charge (each check)	\$10.00	\$25.00	150%
Rule 22	Water Availability Letter Charge	\$0.00	\$50.00	100%
Rule 24	Backflow Assembly Inspection	\$0.00	\$75.00/hr	100%
Rule 28	Damage and Repair Clause (per hour)	\$0.00	Time and Materials	100%

Schedule#	Rule Description	Old Charges	Proposed Charge	Percentage Change
Schedule 4	Wholesale Water	\$20/day + \$0.021/Gallon	\$20/load+ \$0.021/Gallon	10%
Schedule 5	Service Connection Charge (3/4" Installation) Greater than 3/4"	\$1500.00 Various	\$2,500.00 Time and Material	66.6%
Schedule 8	Cross Connection Control (Service inspection)	\$41.00	\$75.00/hr	89.2%



The UTC has the authority to set final rates that may be either lower or higher from the company's request, depending on the results of its investigation. Commission staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at an open meeting which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on April 22, 2021. The UTC building is closed to the public until further notice. This open meeting will be conducted remotely. If you intend to listen or participate, call 360-664-1234 for instructions and to sign-in the day before the open meeting. You can also comment 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
Post Office Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250
E-mail: comments@utc.wa.gov
Telephone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

A memo containing the staff recommendation will be available on the commission website about three days prior to the open meeting. To view the memo, go to utc.wa.gov. Click on the link near the bottom that says "Documents." Under "Open Meetings," click on "Agendas, meeting minutes, orders." When the open meeting date (see above) appears, click on it, then on the memo for this filing. Then click on "Documents." This will take you to a page with the memo and other filed documents.

Sincerely,

Brent Snow
General Manager
Roche Harbor Water System, Inc