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Re: Quote for Extending Water Service to Your Lot

Dear Prospective Customer,

We have written letters and canvassed the homes on Lake Saint Clair Drive from Peninsula Drive up to Rehklau Road SE. Based upon conversations and emails we received, it appears that there are nine prospective customers who are seriously interested in having us install a water main extension and a tap for their homes. The proposed line now would extend as far as 5611 Lake Saint Clair Drive. Due to the increased distance of the proposed line we will need to add a second fire hydrant in this proposal as well as a few hundred more feet of line than was originally proposed. This increased the *total* cost of the project. However, the additional number of potential participants will lower the cost per participant from \$2,700.00 for the line extension to \$1,900.00 per participant <u>if all nine homes</u> sign on to the agreement.

Prior to construction of the line we would need a **signed contract** from each participant, and **the full payment of your portion of the main extension cost**, pro-rated, based on the number of participants. If some of you elect to hook on at a *later* date, the hook-up and facilities charge could be paid at when you are ready to hook on; you would only need to pay for the water main extension upfront.

We estimate that the total cost of the water main extension including tax will be about \$43,000.00. The water company is proposing to pay for 60% of this cost. Your cost collectively would be \$17,100.00. This amount, divided by the number of you that initially decide to sign an agreement, would cover the cost of the main extension. Per Pattison Water Company, Inc. Tariff, filed with the state Utilities and Transportation Commission, we also charge a \$656.00 Hook-up Charge and a \$1,200.00 Facilities Charge to all new connections.

Here would be the breakdown of cost if there were nine initial participants. Cost per home:

Main Extension:	\$ 1,900.00
Facilities Charge	\$ 1,200.00
Hook-Up Charge	<u>\$ 656.00</u>
Total Cost	\$ 3,756.00

As stated in a previous letter, a Latecomer's clause will stipulate that if, at any time in the next ten years, a lot hooks on to the water main, which benefits from the proposed extension with no

additional line extension required, they will pay back a set percentage of the main extension to the original signers of the proposed contract. In other words, if there are 9 lots hooked onto the water main under the original agreement, and an additional party hooks on three years later, that tenth person shall refund the original signers 10% of the original cost. For example: If your portion the line extension cost \$17,100.00, the tenth party would pay \$ 1,710.00, which would be distributed back to the original 9 participants of the agreement, for a refund of \$190.00 each.

Here is a chart showing the cost per home, including the Hook-up and Facilities charges, based upon the number of participants:

No. Of	Hook-up	Facilities	Water Main	Total Cost	Add \$380.45 for
Participants	Charge	Charge	Extension:		Check Valve
			\$17,100.00 Total		(\$350.00 plus tax)
6	\$656.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,850.00	\$4,706.00	\$5,086.45
7	\$656.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,442.85	\$4,298.85	\$4,679.30
8	\$656.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,137.50	\$3,993.50	\$4,373.95
9	\$656.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,900.00	\$3,756.00	\$4,136.45
10	\$656.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,710.00	\$3,566.00	\$3,946.45
11	\$656.00	\$1,200.00	\$1554.54	\$3,410.54	\$3,790.99

This proposal brings water to one of two property corners on the road side of your lot. It will be up to you to run the private service line from the company meter to your home or to another location of your choosing. *If you intend to keep your well for irrigation purposes*, we will require that a backflow assembly be installed directly after the meter to prevent the unintentional backflow of your well's water into the company's water main. We can install that for you for \$350.00 plus tax. See chart above.

The new main that will be serving your home will run at a relatively high pressure (approximately 100psi). We will install, at our expense, an adjustable *pressure reducer valve* at the meter as part of the cost of your water hook-up. It will be your responsibility to repair, replace and maintain the valve after the initial installation.

As stated above, if you wish to retain your current well for irrigation, a backflow assembly acceptable to the water company must be in place prior to connection to prevent unintentional backflow. We will not be running private service lines from the meter to your home. You may install that line yourself, or have a contractor install it for you. You may wish to go in with your neighbors and rent a trencher for a weekend and have a "Trencher Party".

Finally, a word about our water and our service: Our water has *very* low levels of iron and manganese. We believe that the flavor is good, but that's rather subjective; you can check with your neighbors on that one. We have been adding chlorine to our water since 1999. On very rare occasions we shut a water main down to do a repair, but in general, you will have water every day of the year even during power outages due to over 500,000 gallons of elevated reservoirs, a network of seven wells, and an emergency generator that kicks on when the power goes out. Our water rates are among the lowest in the county. Winter bills for our customers average about \$24.00 per household per month.

If you and your neighbors agree to move forward with an agreement, we will have a contract drawn up that will need to be signed and notarized by all parties. It will then be sent to the Utilities and Transportation Commission for their review. Their review takes one month.

I would be happy to meet with you individually or with you and your neighbors as a group if you have any further questions regarding this proposal. I can be reached at my office at (360) 412-1252 or by email at: office@pattisonwater.com

I have enclosed a *Letter of Intent* for you to sign and return. Even if you do not plan to be a participant in the line extension, we would appreciate a response so that we know that you received this correspondence. The letter of intent *does not* obligate or bind you to an agreement. That's what a contract will be for. Once we know who is seriously interested, we will prepare a contract for you and your neighbors to sign.

Very truly yours,

James S. Casebolt President