

East Side Improvement Co., Inc.

A Washington Corporation

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Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Attn: Records CenterAD
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250
Via e-file: Transmittal letter

Dear Mr. Killip:

East Side Improvement is requesting a rate increase for AB 290 Grasslands Park, AD 115G Happy Trails, AB 594K Green Trails and AB 914K Turf Trails to be effective October 1, 2024. The filing is being made to allow East Side to recover increased operating costs since its initial regulated year of 2022. East Side requests that this tariff increase be effective November 1, 2024. East Side has a total of 45 customers and provides domestic water from 4 wells and irrigation water from an irrigation ditch. The increased costs are in seven specific areas: 1) Water testing for domestic water \$8,060 annual increase or \$14.93 per month for each domestic service or a 33.2% increase for the cost of state required testing; 2) increased electrical cost \$2,738 annual increase or \$5.07 per month for each irrigation service or 11.3%; 3) Contract consulting to assist in dealing with issues regarding being a regulated utility \$5,700 annual increase which applies to both domestic and irrigation rates or \$5.28 per month increase to each domestic and irrigation bill or 11.7%; 4) Depreciation charge for new irrigation equipment \$3,072 for 5 years or \$5.69 per month for each irrigation service or a 12.6% increase; 5) Utility excise tax \$2,212 annual increase as calculated by UTC staff which applies to both domestic and irrigation rates of \$2.22 monthly increase to each domestic and \$1.87 per month increase for each irrigation bill or a 4.2% increase; 6) Officer time to deal with, UTC staff, two day required response times and content for complaints and bookkeeping required for a regulated utility \$9,000 annual increase, \$750 per month or \$8.33 for each monthly domestic and irrigation bill or a 18.5% increase in each bill; and 7) Permit cost \$250 annual increase for a new annual permit for a Class A water system that does not exist for a Class B system or .46 cents per month for each domestic bill or 1%. The total changes are shown in the table below:

Domestic

System	Current monthly tariff	New monthly tariff	% increase
Green Trails AB594K	\$45	\$76.22	69.4%
Grasslands Park AB 290	\$45	\$76.22	69.4%
Happy Trails AD 115G	\$45	\$76.22	69.4%
Turf Trails AB914K	\$45	\$76.22	69.4%

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Irrigation

System	Current monthly tariff	New monthly tariff	% increase
Green Trails AB594K	\$45	\$71.24	58.3%
Grasslands Park AB 290	\$45	\$71.24	58.3%
Happy Trails AD 115G	\$45	\$71.24	58.3%
Turf Trails AB914K	\$45	\$71.24	58.3%

The tariff increase is to allow the water company to recover the increase in operating expenses between calendar year 2022 and calendar year 2023 as documented in the attached detail profit and loss statements for 2022 and 2023 and proforma increase for Washington state required water testing, permits and taxes.

This is to certify that Elliott Severson has the authority to issue tariff revisions on behalf of East Side Improvement Co., Inc.

Sincerely,

Green Trails AB594K

Turf Trails AB914K

Grasslands Park AB 290

Happy Trails AD 115G

By: East Side Improvement Co. Inc.

Owner

Elliott Severson

Manager