

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

December 29, 2022

Blue Rock Water Company ("Company") has filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") to approve tariff modifications. The proposed fees <u>will not impact</u> any Customer's paying base rates or ready-to-serve charges. (WAC 480-110-245 definitions of Customer and Jurisdictional Customer are incorporated into references to "Customer" throughout this letter. Customer, as used in this Notice, excludes the definitions Applicant and Potential Customer). The Company is proposing to add Schedule 5.1, creating a Facilities Charge of \$6,500 for water systems, including Sunny Hills (DOH ID#23391F). WAC 480-110-245 defines a Facilities Charge as "a one-time fee that a new customer must pay, consistent with WAC 480-110-455 (Water company funding mechanisms), before the company will connect the customer's property to the water system."

Today, the Company's tariff does not have Facilities Charges for most water systems. Absent the Facilities Charge, the Company views it as inequitable to Customers as the burden of Department of Health mandated upgrades, absent these fees, shifts to those that have already paid them and consistently pay the base rate and ready-to-serve fees that contribute to investment. Adding a Facilities Charge for parcels that are not presently connected or paying charges would provide the Company with the capital necessary to accommodate new requests without burdening Customers with infrastructure upgrades resulting from new service connections.

The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be lower or higher than the Company's request, depending on the outcome of its investigation. You can submit comments by going to www.utc.wa.gov and clicking "Submit a Comment" or by one of the following options:

## Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250

E-mail: comments@utc.wa.gov Telephone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

Commission Staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at an open meeting which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on **Jan. 26, 2023 (PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE).** You will have an opportunity to provide your comments at this meeting. This open meeting will be conducted remotely. If you intend to listen or participate, call 360-664-1234 at least a day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in this open meeting (or public comment hearing, workshop, etc.) please contact the commission at 888-333-9882 or email at consumer@utc.wa.gov.

If you have any questions about the proposed filing and how it may affect your account, you can reach the company by phone: (206) 764-3345, email: <u>service@bluerockmgt.com</u> or by mail: 7511 Greenwood Avenue N #4011, Seattle, WA 98103.

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