## Basin Water Sources, Inc. PO Box 34 Moses Lake, WA 98837

**DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2020** 

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Basin Water Sources, 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 December 1, 2020. Your rates have not been increased since 2007 causing great financial hardship on the system. Throughout this time there have been significant repairs and improvements within the system. Including well pump repairs, pump replacements, and major line replacements. This increase in water rates will only partially cover over time what has been spent to bring clean safe water to your homes. The new Tariff will help the company start on a path towards a sustainable system increasing your property value, increasing your water quality and ensuring your system remains reliable and functional for years to come. If you have any questions about how this rate change may affect you, please call Basin Water Sources at 509-765-2282 or feel free to email basinwatersources@gmail.com.

The company revenue impact of this filing, based on a 2019/2020 test year, will be an annual increase of 36%. While this may seem like a large increase when looked at over 13 years since our last change its less than 3 percent per year. If approved, the average bill will increase by \$9.48 per month per unit starting December 1, 2020. The rate impact is presented below:

## **Current Rates:**

Non-Metered	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Each Domestic Establishment not separately		Individual Lots
provided for	\$26.52	\$36.00
Each Commercial Establishment not separately		Commercial Establishment
provided for	\$42.94	\$52.42
Wash House	\$58.02	Individual Lots \$36.00
Trailer Lots (Less than 60')	\$8.74	Multiunit Connection per Unit
		\$23.49
Trailer Lots (60'-100')	\$16.73	Individual Lots \$36.00
Garden Space/Extra Lots(yard only)	\$30.89	Individual Lots \$36.00
Each Apartment House, Per unit	\$11.38	Multiunit Connection per Unit
		\$23.49
Each Duplex (two living units each)	\$31.03	Multiunit Connection per Unit
		\$23.49

Additionally, the company will be adjusting many of the ancillary charges to help recover cost directly incurred by customers. Ancillary Charges will be adjusted to the following:

Rule/Schedule#	Rule Description	Old Charges	Proposed Charge
Rule 5	Disconnection Visit Charge (per visit)	\$25.00	\$75.00
Rule 6	Reconnection Charge (per visit)	\$25.00	\$75.00
Rule 11	Service Visit Charge	\$0.00	\$100.00/hr
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Rule 14	Late Payment Charge of; 2% Unpaid Balance or Minimum Charge	\$1.00	2% or \$6 Minimum
Rule 20	Account Set-up Charge	\$0.00	\$35.00
Rule 21	NSF Charge (each check)  Redeposit Fee	\$25.00 \$0.00	\$25.00
Rule 22	Water Availability Letter Charge	\$0.00	\$50.00
Rule 24	Backflow Assembly Testing and Inspection	\$0.00	\$100.00/hr
Rule 28	Damage and Repair Clause		
	Hourly Labor Charge	\$0.00	\$100.00/hr + Cost of Materials
	After hours emergency labor charge	\$0.00	\$150.00/hr + Cost of Materials
	Schedule Description		
Schedule 4	Service Connection Charge	\$913.00	\$4,650.00
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Schedule 8	Cross Connection Control	\$0.00	\$100.00/hr
	Installation by approved installer/Service visit/Premises inspection charge		
Schedule 9	Water System Facilities Charge	\$0.00	\$5,000.00

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 November 24, 2020. 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

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filed documents.

Basin Water Sources/ Pat Deneen, Owner