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**WASHINGTON WATER SUPPLY, INC.****“Water Supply and Distribution”****Cover Letter**

January 22, 2024

Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission,

During the summer of 2022 the Echo Glen Water System (ID# 27510D) experienced water shortages due to reduced capacity of the ground water well. This reduced capacity was expressed at a community meeting in the fall of 2023 in Maple Valley. Meeting attendees were informed the option(s) to drill a new well or rehabilitate the existing well. The option of rehabilitating the well was chosen because of existing well infrastructure, natural geology, and costs. Several well drilling companies were contacted and Valley Pump, Auburn was chosen because of proximity to the water system and willingness to complete the task.

Early in 2023, a contract was signed with Valley Pump for the Echo Glen well rehabilitation. It was agreed the well rehabilitation would be completed by May 31, 2023. The week of scheduled start of work, Valley Pump contacted Washington Water Supply and stated their lead well driller had been injured and they were uncertain as to his return. Other well drillers were contacted, and their existing commitments would not allow them to begin the job until October/November 2023.

In the summer of 2023, customer water demand required potable water be trucked into the system to maintain water system pressure and water quality. August, 2023 Washington Water Supply(WWS) filed for a Surcharge to begin recovering the costs of trucked water. Since the duration of the trucked water was unknown at the time, a \$60/month Surcharge rate was set from August 15, 2023 to November 15, 2023. It was agreed that Washington Water Supply would come back to the UTC with an extended surcharge once the final trucking effort was determined. The final cost of trucked water after the August 15, 2023 surcharge amount is \$13,709.90.

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In the spring of 2023, Washington Water Supply, Inc. initiated the well rehabilitation effort with a deposit of \$6,000 as required by Valley Pump. Subsequent. Total check(s) payment to Valley Pump totals \$24,000 for completion of the well rehabilitation.

Therefore, Washington Water Supply, Inc. is seeking UTC approval for a \$10/month/customer Surcharge to recover the \$24,000 from September 1, 2024 to September 1, 2029 or until the well rehabilitation costs have been recovered. Current monthly rates are \$43.25/month/customer, and with the \$10/month surcharge would increase the monthly water fee to \$53.25/month

1. This packet of includes cover letter
2. Tariff sheet
3. Customer notice
4. Work papers

Respectfully,

John Poppe

Washington Water Supply, Inc.

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Second Revision of Sheet No. 22.2

Canceling First Revision Sheet No. 22.2

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Washington Water Supply, Inc.

For Commission Receipt Stamp

Schedule #7

Cost Recovery Surcharge

AVAILABILITY

This schedule is available for the service area identified as the Echo Glen water System served by Washington Water Supply, Inc. and at the Utility's option and capability to maintain Department of Health standards for potable water quantity and quality.

APPLICABLE

Applicable to any connection or customer of the Utility served by the Echo Glen Water System WFI #27510D.

CONDITIONS

The charge for this service is not subject to cancellation for temporary periods. The surcharge will be billed monthly 4.76 years or upon recovery of \$24,000 for this class of service and will be in addition to other charges as provided in this Tariff.

PURPOSE

This Surcharge is to fund the repayment cost Washington Water Supply, Inc. has incurred due to the need of rehabilitating the well for the Echo Glen Water System so as to maintain water quality and quantity to consistently meet Department of Health drinking water standards.

This charge is to expire September 1, 2029 or sooner should costs be recovered for rehabilitating the well for the Echo Glen Water System.

MONTHLY CHARGE

RATE

\$10/month/customer

for a monthly total of \$53.25/customer

Issued: February 1, 2024

Effective Date: September 1, 2024

Expiration Date: September 1, 2029

Issued by: Washington Water Supply, Inc.

By: John Poppe

Title: President

**WASHINGTON WATER SUPPLY, INC.**

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Echo Glen Water System Customers

February 1, 2024

Washington Water Supply, Inc. (WWSI) has filed for approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to implement a surcharge of \$10 per month to your regular monthly bills. If approved, the rates will become effective September 1, 2024.

This Surcharge is the result of rehabilitating the Echo Glen well necessary to ensure the quality and quantity of water provided meet State standards. The funds generated by this surcharge will pay for 100% of the well rehabilitation effort.

The Surcharge expires September 1, 2029 or upon recovery of \$24,000 whichever occurs first. Cost includes principal and state excise taxes.

If you have questions about the proposed filing and how it will affect you, please call Washington Water Supply, Inc. at 360-308-8330.

The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be either lower or higher than the company's request, depending on the results of the investigation. You can comment on the case 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

PO Box 47250

Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Email: 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 December 21, 2023. You will have an

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(360) 308-8330

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opportunity to provide your comments at this meeting either in person or remotely. If you intend to listen or participate remotely, call 360-664-1234 at least a day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in. You should also call this number if you plan to attend in person to verify that the case has not been rescheduled to a later open meeting date. The street address for the UTC is 621 Woodland Square Loop, Lacey WA.

The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for participants with disabilities . If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this open meeting, please contact the Commission at 1-888-333-9882 or email consumer@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely

John Poppe

President

Washington Water Supply, Inc.

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Check number: [REDACTED] | Amount: \$6,000.00

Washington Water Supply, Inc.
210, West 22nd
Silverdale, WA 98151
4090-2380

BANK OF AMERICA
SILVERDALE, WA
10000

March 29, 2023

PAID TO THE ORDER OF Valley Pump
202 8th St SE
Auburn, WA 98002

\$6,000
Six Thousand Dollars

MEMO estimate 4850

[Signature]

POSTAL SERVICE
FIRST CLASS PERMIT NO. 1000
VALLEY PUMP INC
10000

Check number: [REDACTED] | Amount: \$2,000.00

Washington Water Supply, Inc.
P.O. Box 2382
Silverdale, WA 98151
4090-2380

BANK OF AMERICA
SILVERDALE, WA
10000

MAY 19, 2023

PAID TO THE ORDER OF Valley Pump and Well

\$2,000
Two Thousand Dollars

MEMO EG-Debit of Well 4850 est

[Signature]

POSTAL SERVICE
FIRST CLASS PERMIT NO. 1000
VALLEY PUMP INC
10000

Check number: [REDACTED] | Amount: \$6,000.00

WASHINGTON WATER SUPPLY
P.O. BOX 2382
SILVERDALE, WA 98151

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SILVERDALE, WA 98151

September 21, 2023

PAID TO THE ORDER OF Valley Pump & Well
202 8th Street SE
Auburn, WA 98002

\$6,000
Six Thousand Dollars

MEMO Echo Glen Well Rehab/HLB

[Signature]

POSTAL SERVICE
FIRST CLASS PERMIT NO. 1000
VALLEY PUMP INC
10000

Check number: [REDACTED] | Amount: \$5,000.00

WASHINGTON WATER SUPPLY
P.O. BOX 2382
SILVERDALE, WA 98151

BANK OF AMERICA
SILVERDALE, WA 98151

September 25, 2023

PAID TO THE ORDER OF Valley Pump
202 8th St SE
Auburn, WA 98002

\$5,000
Five Thousand Dollars

MEMO Echo Glen Well Rehab

[Signature]

POSTAL SERVICE
FIRST CLASS PERMIT NO. 1000
VALLEY PUMP INC
10000

Check number: [REDACTED] | Amount: \$5,000.00

WASHINGTON WATER SUPPLY
P.O. BOX 2382
SILVERDALE, WA 98151

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September 28, 2023

PAID TO THE ORDER OF Valley Pump
202 8th St SE
Auburn, WA 98002

\$5,000
Five Thousand Dollars

MEMO Well Rehab Echo Glen Pump/Drilling Well

[Signature]

POSTAL SERVICE
FIRST CLASS PERMIT NO. 1000
VALLEY PUMP INC
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