

February 24, 2021

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ATTN: Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Rate Case and New Tariff

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Please find enclosed our application for rate adjustment and a new Tariff for Roche Harbor Water System, Inc. The rates have not been addressed since 2016 and the Tariff requires updating as the original is from 1993. It is essential that the system is brought up to current regulatory requirements and that our rates are adjusted to keep the system running. I am issuing the request March 1st, 2021 and requesting the Effective Date of the submission to be May 1, 2021. In this request for rate review is the following:

- 1. Notice to Customers.
- 2. Copy of our general ledger for the test period.
- 3. General Rate Case workbook.
- 4. New Tariff
- 5. Income Statement and Balance Sheet

The revenue impact of this filing, based on a 2020 test year, will be an increase of \$74,356 approximately a 20% increase on the base and the block rates. The average residential customer bill would increase \$9.93 starting May 1, 2021. The revenue impact on each customer is presented in an enclosed tabulation with supporting calculations summarized as follows:

Current Rates:					
Meter Size	Monthly Base	1st Block(per 1000 gallons up to	2nd Block (Per 1000 gallons	3 rd Block (Per 1000 gallons Over	
	Rate	5000)	5001-10,000)	10,001)	
3/4 Inch	\$32.00	4.60	8.70	10.90	
1 Inch	53.44	4.60	8.70	10.90	
1.5 Inch	106.56	4.60	8.70	10.90	
2 Inch	170.56	4.60	8.70	10.90	
3 Inch	320.00	4.60	8.70	10.90	

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4 Inch	533.44	4.60	8.70	10.90
6 Inch	1066.56	4.60	8.70	10.90

2nd 1st 1st 2nd Block 3rd Block 3rd Meter **Monthly** Size **Base Rate** Block Usage (gallons) (gallons) Usage Usage (gallons) Rate* Rate* Rate* 3/4 ** 5001-38.40 5,000 5.52 10,000 10.44 10,001+13.08 1 " 5001-64.00 5,000 5.52 10,000 10.44 10.001 +13.08 2 " 5001-10,000 204.80 5,000 5.52 10.44 10,001+13.08 4 " 5001-640.00 5,000 5.52 10,000 10.44 10.001 +13.08

The surcharge currently in place on each 1000 gallons of usage will remain the same. This surcharge expires November 30, 2023 upon recovery of the \$1,634,700 DWSRF Loan which was borrowed to build the treatment plant and new 12" main in 2003. Additionally, the company will be adjusting some of the ancillary charges to help recover cost directly incurred by customers. Ancillary Charges will be adjusted to the following:

Rule#	Rule Description	Old Charges	Proposed Charge	Percentage Change
Rule 5	Disconnection Visit Charge (per visit)	\$0.00	\$75.00	
Rule 6	Reconnection Charge (per visit)	\$41.00	\$75.00	82.9%
Rule 11	Service Visit Charge	\$41.00	\$75.00/hr	82.9%
Rule 14	Late Payment Charge of; 2% Unpaid Balance and \$6.00	1% and \$2.00	2% or \$6	200%
Rule 20	Account Set-up Charge	\$25.00	\$50.00	50%
Rule 21	NSF Charge (each check)	\$10.00	\$25.00	150%
Rule 22	Water Availability Letter Charge	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Rule 24	Backflow Assembly Inspection	\$0.00	\$75.00/hr	

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Proposed Rates:



Rule 28	Damage and Repair Clause			
	Hourly Labor Charge	\$0.00	Time and Materials	

Schedule#	Rule Description	Old Charges	Proposed Charge	Percentage Change
Schedule 4	Wholesale Water	\$20/day + \$0.021/Gallon	\$20/load+ \$0.021/Gallon	10%
Schedule 5	Service Connection Charge (³ / ₄ " Installation) Greater that ³ / ₄ "	\$1500.00 Various	\$2,500.00 Time and Material	66.6%
Schedule 8	Cross Connection Control (Installation by approved installer/Service visit/Premises inspection charge)	\$41.00	\$75.00/hr	89.2%

I appreciate your time and attention in this matter. This rate increase and new tariff is overdue and I believe it is critical in order to support the system and deliver the requirements of the regulatory bodies

Sincerely,

Brent Snow Title: General Manager, Roche Harbor Water System, Inc