



WASHINGTON WATER SERVICE COMPANY

January 3, 2017

RE: Bucklin Water System, State ID No. 66936L  
Phelps Road Water System, State ID No. 63210W  
Walden Water System, State ID No. 438871  
**City of Bainbridge Island Utility Tax Rate Request**

Dear Customer:

On November 22, 2016, the City of Bainbridge Island passed Ordinance No. 2016-19 adopting a 6% Utility Tax to be levied on water and sewer utilities. This tax assessment became effective January 1, 2017. As a result of this ordinance your water utility charges are now subject to the City of Bainbridge Island 6% Utility Tax. On January 4, 2017, Washington Water Service Company filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission a request to pass on the additional tax expense to its customers.

Washington Water Service Company has requested a Waiver of Statutory Notice to make the effective date January 17, 2017. If granted, the utility tax will be calculated based on water sales and will be included on your February 17, 2017 bill for the billing period of January 17, 2016 through February 17, 2016.

If you wish to comment on the filing or have any questions regarding the rate making process please contact:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P. O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA. 98504-7250  
Office: (360) 753-1279 or Toll Free: (800) 562-6150

Only written comments or comments made at the Commission open meeting may become part of the formal record. If you would like to be on the opening meeting mailing list, you may write or call the commission at the address and phone numbers listed above. Be sure to leave your name, mailing address and a follow up contact phone number.

You can also contact our Customer Service Department toll free at (877) 408-4060 or by email at: [customerservice@wawater.com](mailto:customerservice@wawater.com).

Sincerely,

The Staff at Washington Water Service Company

CC: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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