## OLYMPIC WATER AND SEWER, INC.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

March 6, 2019

Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. (OWSI) has filed for approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to increase annual revenue an average of \$100,440.00, 14.2% for the next twenty years, in the form of a cost recovery surcharge. If approved, the rates will become effective on April 24, 2019.

This surcharge is the result of water quality concerns related to total coliform, manganese, and arsenic. The funds generated by this surcharge will pay for 70% of a treatment project that will add filtration to water wells 14 and 16 to remove manganese and arsenic. Chlorination will be added to the entire water system to achieve disinfection and improve the safety of the drinking water supply. Chlorination is required by the State Department of Health.

The Surcharge is to expire **June 20, 2038, or upon recovery of \$2,014,214.00** whichever occurs first. Cost includes principal, plus interest charges and state excise taxes. The Surcharge may be paid (within 90 days of effective date) in a **lump sum payment of \$937.87\*** per customer and save interest cost of \$235.36.

Below is a comparison of current and proposed rates:

**Current Rates** 

Proposed Rates

Each Customer or Connection (billed bi-monthly)

NA

\$ 5.00 per month

If you have questions about the proposed filing and how it will affect you, please call Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. at 360-437-8247 to leave a message or email 'owsi@portludlowassociates.com.'

The UTC has the authority to set final rates that may be higher or lower than the company's request, depending on the outcome of its investigation. You can comment on this issue by using the "Submit a Comment" feature at the UTC's web site, at <a href="utc.wa.gov">utc.wa.gov</a>, or by using the contact information below. UTC staff will make a recommendation to the commissioners at an open meeting in Olympia, which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on April 11, 2019. You will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the UTC at (360) 664-1132 or <a href="https://human\_resources@utc.wa.gov">human\_resources@utc.wa.gov</a>. If you are unable to attend the open meeting, the UTC has a bridge line which enables you to participate by telephone. Call 360-664-1234 the day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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Sincerely,

Diana Smeland,

President

Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc.

\*Foot Note: The lump sum payment is calculated using an estimated construction cost. Upon completion of construction the lump sum payment may be adjusted up or down to reflect the final cost of the water treatment project.