

**SUMMIT VIEW WATER WORKS  
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Date: January 28, 2011

Dear Customer:

Summit View Water Works (SVWW) has filed for approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) for a general rate increase. This filing will produce approximately \$19,118 in additional annual revenue. This represents a 33.5 percent increase in the Company's overall annual revenue. The company is requesting an effective date of March 1, 2011.

The filing only affects irrigation rates. The Company is proposing a new rate structure for irrigation rates under which there would be a \$250 outlet fee per year plus an irrigation fee of \$300 per acre per year. An outlet fee covers part of the fixed cost of providing irrigation service and is not dependent upon usage. This rate structure is similar to that used by other companies in the area. The company is seeking a 53.5% increase in irrigation rates. A table explaining the current rates and the proposed rates is set out below:

Annual Irrigation Rates	
<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
\$400	\$250 outlet fee Plus \$300 per acre

Depending upon how much land you own within the service area, this rate design may produce an overall charge that may be higher or lower than the charges you currently pay.

The commission 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 in Olympia, which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on February 25, 2011. You may comment in person at this meeting. If you are unable to attend the open meeting, the commission has a telephone line that enables you to participate or listen. Call 360-664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting. You may also comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the commission's website at [utc.wa.gov](http://utc.wa.gov) or by using the contact information below.

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If you have questions about the surcharge, please contact Summit View Water Works at (509) 735-2151.

Sincerely,

Summit View Water Works



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### Newsletter and Alerts

To: Summit View Water Works Irrigation Customers

From: Summit View Water Works

Regarding: Irrigation Rate Conversion to Per Acre Format

Summit View Water Works is petitioning the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to amend its current Irrigation Water billing to a per acre format, from its current flat rate format. The purpose is to have rates more equitable within the service area. Since Summit View Water Works began, it has billed out using a flat rate format. This format was equitable until 2006, when a plat within the Service Area was completed with two and one-half (2.5) acre parcels. An additional plat was completed within the Service Area in 2007, including five-acre parcels.

The current Tariff only allows for a flat rate to be charged regardless of the size of the parcel. This would be corrected with the per acre format.

For the majority of customers the rates would increase from 0 to 9%. Larger parcel owners have received irrigation water at a considerable discount since becoming customers.

Since inception in the mid-1990's, Summit View Water Works has not requested a general rate increase regarding irrigation rates. This request would include a modest increase for smaller parcels, and a more equitable application of rates for all parcels.