

Estates Water Systems, Inc.
Po Box 531, Sequim WA 98382

IMPORTANT NOTICE

June 5, 2018

Estates Water Systems, Inc has filed for approval from Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to increase rates. It has been over 20 years since the last rate increase; the estimated annual revenue increase of \$55,000. If approved, the rates will become effective on July 27, 2018.

The rate increase has been applied for to cover operating costs. Some of the many operating costs that have risen over the years include taxes, insurance, operating permit fees, water quality testing and parts. Below is the comparison between current and proposed rates.

Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Service Connection Fee	\$500.00	\$750.00
Disconnection Visit Charge	\$0.00	\$25.00
Reconnection Visit Charge	\$50.00	\$50.00
Service Visit Charge	\$0.00	\$25.00
Late Payment Charge	\$0.00	2% or \$1.00
Account Set-up Charge	\$0.00	\$15.00
NSF Charge	\$0.00	\$25.00
Water Availability Letter Charge	\$0.00	\$20.00
Backflow Assembly Testing & Inspection	\$0.00	Labor Plus Materials
Damage & Repairs Charge	\$0.00	Labor Plus Materials
Ready-to-serve (standby)- annual to monthly	\$60.00	\$11.00
3/4" Metered Base Rate	\$20.00	\$22.00
First 400 cubic feet (cf) included in base over 400 cf/100 cf to Tier 1, 0-1,000 cf/100 cf	\$1.00	\$1.00
Tier 2, 1,001-2,000 cf/100 cf	n/a	\$1.50
Tier 3, >2,000 cf/100 cf	n/a	\$2.00
2" Metered Base Rate	\$50.00	\$115.00
First 1,800 cf included in base over 1,800 cf/100 cf to Tier 1, 0-3,500 cf/100 cf	\$1.00	\$1.00
Tier 2, 3,500-7,000 cf/100 cf	n/a	\$1.50
Tier 3, >7,000 cf/100 cf	n/a	\$2.00

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be lower or higher than the company's request, depending on the outcome of its investigation. Commission staff will make a recommendation the commissioners at an open meeting in Olympia, which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on July 26, 2018. 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 commission at (360) 664-1133 or human_resources@utc.wa.gov.

If you are unable to attend the open meeting, the commission 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. You can also comment by using "Submit a Comment" feature at the commission's web site, at utc.wa.gov, or by using the contact information below.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250

E-mail: comments@utc.wa.gov
Telephone: 1-888-333-WUTC(9882)

If you have questions about the proposed filing and how it will affect you, please call Solmar Water System Inc. at 360-683-7191. If you have questions about the rate making process, you may contact the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission at the following address: UTC, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250; 1-888-333-9882 (toll-free) or by e-mail comment@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,
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