



# SCENIC SHORES WATER COMPANY

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Date: October 5, 2019

Dear Customer,

Scenic Shores Water Company ("Company") has filed for approval from the UTC ("Commission") to increase its revenue by approximately \$8,155.00 annually. The proposed effective date is November 20, 2019. This is a general rate increase which will increase the base rate and usage rates.

The chart below sets forth the rates that are currently charged and what charges would be if the rate request is approved. The \$8,155.00 in additional revenue represents a 25% increase in total annual revenue. The UTC last approved new rates for the Company on December 20, 2012. This filing represents an increase of under 4% a year since the last increase.

	<u>Existing Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Base Rate	\$46.75	\$54.08
1st Usage Rate 0-700 cubic feet	\$1.15/100 cubic feet or portion	\$1.645/100 cubic feet or portion
2nd Usage Rate 701-1,000 cubic feet	\$1.15/100 cubic feet or portion	\$1.75/100 cubic feet or portion
3rd Usage Rate Over 1,000 cubic feet	\$0.028 per cubic foot	\$0.030 per cubic foot

If approved, the base rate would increase by 16%. The first usage rate would increase by 43%, the second usage rate by 52%, and the third usage rate by 7%. The Company is also establishing rates for larger meters, in case a need for a larger meter arises in the future.

Since our last rate increase, cost of operations have continued to increase. Overall costs to provide service, such as contractor costs, electricity, taxes and other factors, have increased and, as always, regulatory compliance costs continue to rise.

This filing also adds rules regarding Water Leak Procedures, Abandonment, Payment Alternative and Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Charge of \$30. In addition, the Company is clarifying Cross Connection Control language.

The 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. You can submit comments by going to [www.utc.wa.gov](http://www.utc.wa.gov) and clicking "Submit a Comment," or by one of the following options:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250  
E-mail: [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov)  
Telephone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

Commission staff will make a recommendation to the commissioners at an open meeting at 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, Washington at 9:30 a.m. on November 7, 2019. You will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. If you are unable to attend the open meeting, you can participate by telephone by calling 360-664-1234 the day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in. You should also call this number if you plan to attend the open meeting in person, to make sure this case hasn't been rescheduled.

A memo containing the staff recommendation will be available on the commission website about three days prior to the open meeting. To view the memo, go to [utc.wa.gov](http://utc.wa.gov). Scroll down and click on the link near the bottom that says "Documents." Under "Open Meetings," click on "Agendas, meeting minutes, orders." When the open meeting date (see above) appears select it, then click on the memo for this filing. On the next page click on "Documents." This will take you to a page with the memo and any associated attachments. You will be given an option to open or save the document you choose.

The commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the commission at (360) 664-1132 or [human\\_resources@utc.wa.gov](mailto:human_resources@utc.wa.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact us at (360)-878-2204.

Sincerely,

Scenic Shores Water Company