

DATE: MARCH 4, 2022

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Camano Hills Water System has asked the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) for authorization for a general rate change and to update the tariff. If approved, the new rates will become effective April 15, 2022. Your rates have not been increased since 2015, yet throughout this time there have been significant repairs and improvements within the system including pump replacements, and new automatic transfer switch for the generator..

This increase in water rates will only begin to partially recover over time what has been spent to bring clean safe water to your homes. If you have any questions about how this rate change may affect you, please call Camano Hills Water System at (360) 387-6409 or email laurel@holbeckconstruction.com

The company revenue impact of this filing, based on a 2021 test year, will be an increase of approximately \$106,000 (53%) over a period of two years and four phases of rate changes. Phase 1 is effective April 15, 2022. Phase 2 is effective October 1, 2022. Phase 3 is effective April 1, 2023. Phase 4 is effective October 1, 2023.

Current Rates and Rate Structure:

Meter Size	Base Rate	1 st Block Size	1 st Block Rate	2 nd Block Size	2 nd Block Rate	3 rd Block Size	3 rd Block Rate
3/4"	\$30.00	0-950	\$3.50	951-2,200	\$4.55	Over 2,201	\$7.75
1"	\$50.00	0-1,587	\$3.50	1,588-3,674	\$4.55	Over 3,675	\$7.75
1.5"	\$100.00	0-3,164	\$3.50	3,165-7,326	\$4.55	Over 7,327	\$7.75

Proposed Rates and Rate Structure:

The following table is the rates for the 3/4" customers.*

Phase	Base	Usage	Rate	Usage	Rate	Usage	Rate
1	35.60	700	4.50	1,500	5.50	1,501	8.00
2	38.25	700	5.00	1,200	7.00	1,201	9.00
3	43.00	600	6.00	1,000	7.00	1,001	9.00
4	47.00	500	6.00	1,000	7.00	1,001	10.00

*Rates for other meter sizes are available from the company.

Usage blocks are in cubic feet. Rates are per 100 cubic feet. 1 cubic foot equals 7.5 gallons

The water treatment surcharge currently in place at \$4.14 per month per connection or customer will remain the same. This surcharge expires December 30, 2030 upon recovery of the \$206,881 DWSRF Loan which was borrowed to fund capital improvements for our existing water system.

Additionally, the company will be adjusting some of the ancillary charges to help recover cost directly incurred by customers. Ancillary Charges will be adjusted to the following:

Rule#	Rule Description	Old Charges	Proposed Charge	Percentage Change
Rule 5	Disconnection Visit Charge (per visit)	\$00.00	\$25.00	
Rule 6	Reconnection Charge (per visit)	\$30.00	\$50.00	66%
Rule 11	Service Visit Charge	\$25.00/hr	\$65.00/hr	160%
Rule 14	Late Payment Charge	\$2.00 plus 2% Unpaid Balance or Minimum \$5.00	\$6 Minimum or 2% Unpaid Balance	200%
Rule 20	Account Set-up Charge	\$50.00	\$50.00	NA
Rule 21	NSF Charge (each check)	\$30.00	\$35.00	17%
Rule 22	Water Availability Letter Charge	\$10.00	\$50.00	400%
Rule 24	Backflow Assembly Inspection	\$0.00	Time & Material	
Rule 25	Seasonal Turn off/On (Per Visit)	\$0.00	\$25.00	
Rule 28	Damage and Repair Clause	\$0.00	Time & Material	

Schedule#	Rule Description	Old Charges	Proposed Charge
Schedule 1	Un-metered rate service		
	Phase 1		\$77.90
	Phase 2	\$60.18	\$87.00
	Phase 3		\$99.80
Schedule 3	Phase 4		\$104.00
	Ready to Serve		
	Phase 1		\$35.60
	Phase 2	\$30.00	\$38.25
Schedule 4	Phase 3		\$43.00
	Phase 4		\$47.00
Schedule 4	Fire Flow	\$127.60	\$127.60

Schedule 8	Cross Connection Control Site Visit Charge Premise Inspection Charge Installation of Approved Backflow Prevention Assembly	\$30.00 \$35.00 T&M	\$65.00/hr \$65.00/hr Time & Material Contract
Schedule 10	Service Connection Charge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ¾” Installation • 1 ½” and 2” • 4” Fire line (without meter box) • Greater than 2” or 4” fire line 	\$1,200.00 \$1,600.00 \$4,500.00	\$2,500.00 \$2,900.00 \$4,500.00 Time & Material Contract

The UTC 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 which is scheduled for 9:30 am on Thursday, April 14, 2022. The UTC building is closed to the public until further notice. This open meeting will be conducted remotely. If you intend to listen or participate, call 360-664-1234 for instructions and sign in at least a day before the open meeting. Accommodation and translation services are available; please email communications@utc.wa.gov to request.

You can also comment by using the “Submit a Comment” feature at the Commission’s Web site at www.utc.wa.gov or by using the contact information below.

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If you have any questions about the Company’s filing or how it may affect you, please feel free to reach out to me at the contact information below.

Sincerely,
Laurel Holbeck
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Camano Hills Water System