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Northbay Water Utility Corporation is filing for approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to increase its rates \$85,465 (64.1%) per year. If approved, the rates will be effective on January 1, 2025. Effective January 1, 2025, Northbay Water Utility Corporation is proposing changing from bi-monthly to monthly billing.

The rate increase will offset expenses to repair and maintain system operations. This rate increase is necessary due to Northbay Water Utilities expenses having increased in general expenses, fuel charges, as well as contracted labor charges and water testing expenses since our last increase in 2014. Northbay has had to add filtration units on several systems, as well as building extensions to house the new filtration systems. Below is a comparison of current rates and proposed rates. These water rates will raise the average water bill (690 cubic feet per month is average usage) about \$29.26 per month (61.9%)

Current Monthly Rates

Proposed Monthly Rates

\$32.20 Meter Fee		\$45.00 Meter Fee	
1 - 1500	Cubic Feet \$2.50/100 cubic ft.	1 - 400	Cubic Feet \$ 4.25/100 cubic ft.
1501-2500	Cubic Feet \$2.75/100 cubic ft.	401-900	Cubic Feet \$ 5.00/100 cubic ft.
2501+	Cubic Feet \$3.25/100 cubic ft.	901+	Cubic Feet \$ 5.75/100 cubic ft.

Current Ancillary Charges

Proposed Ancillary Charges

Reconnection Charge	\$183.60	\$250.00 (36.2%)
Disconnection Visit Charge	\$ 91.80	\$125.00 (36.2%)
Service Visit		\$150.00
Per Hour		\$120.00
Account Set-up		\$55.00
Seasonal Turn Off/On		\$150.00
Service Connection		\$10,000.00
Ready to Serve	\$30.00	\$45.00 (50%)
Non-Metered	\$30.00	\$45.00 (50%)

Affiliated Interest:

Northbay Water Utility Corporation and Moerke & Sons Pump & Drilling, Inc have are both owned by the same individuals. Northbay Water Utility Corporation contracts Moerke & Sons Pump and Drilling, Inc. to provide all the services needed to operate and maintain its systems. This includes, but is not limited to: meter reading, water testing, WDMII oversight and management, required reporting, and accounting services. Northbay Water Utility Corporation has been contracting Moerke & Sons Pump & Drilling, Inc. since its inception. In addition to the attached service contract, Northbay Water Utility Corporation pays Moerke & Sons Pump & Drilling to reimburse expenses including office rent, office supplies, postage and insurance. Northbay Water Utility Corporation will pay Moerke & Sons Pump & Drilling, Inc. for any repairs, improvements, service, and samples or products used that are outside of the contract. The service contract is reviewed periodically, and rates are updated in accordance with Moerke & Sons Pump and Drilling, Inc. bill rates and cost adjustments.