## Canyon Village Water System P.O. Box 3637 Pasco WA, 99302

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Canyon Village Water System has filed for approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to increase our rates by 26 percent annually or an annual revenue increase of \$14,304.21. If approved, the rates will be effective on April 1st, 2007.

To keep the same quality of water that we had in 1997, when we had our last increase, an increase is necessary. The average customer's bill will increase by about 23 percent, based on usage of 1055 cubic feet of water per month. In the past 7 years, based on U.S. **Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics**, the cost of living has risen 21 percent. The cost of electricity to run the system has risen 29 percent. Labor and material costs for plumbing and maintenance have risen 30 to 40 percent, and fuel prices have risen more than a hundred percent.

Rate Schedule:	Current Rate =	\$36.00 for the first 600 cubic feet of water used per month, with an overage charge of \$1.55per 100 cubic feet there of
	Proposed Rate =	\$36.00 with zero allowance
		0 to 600 cubic ft = $1.55$ per 100 cubic feet
		600 to 1000 cubic feet = \$1.95 per 100 cubic feet
		Over 1000 cubic feet = 2.10 per 100 cubic feet

Canyon Village will also be adding ancillary charges for services according to Schedule X Rules 5, 14, 9 11, 17 and 18.

## SCHEDULE X ANCILLARY CHARGES

Rule 5	Reconnection Charge	\$35.00
& Rule 14	Disconnection Visit Charge	\$20.00
Rule 9	Service Visit Charge	\$25.00
Rule 11	Late Payment charge	2%
	Of unpaid balance or Minimum Charge	\$1.00
Rule 17	Account Set-up Charge	\$25.00
	NSF Check Charge	\$15.00
Rule 18	Water Availability Letter Charge	\$20.00

If you have questions about the proposed filing and how it will affect you, please call Canyon Village Water System at (509) 547-4636. If you would like to comment on this filing, be added to the commission's mailing list, or have questions about the ratemaking process, please use the contact information below. You may also comment in person at the commission's open meeting in Olympia at 9:30 a.m. on March 14, or by using the "Public Comment" feature at the commission's web site, at <u>http://www.wutc.wa.gov</u>. The commission is scheduled to make a decision at its open meeting on March 28. If you are unable to attend an open meeting in person, the commission has a bridge line, which enables you to participate or listen by telephone. Call 360-664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Post Office Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250 E-mail: <u>comments@wutc.wa.gov</u> Telephone: 1-800-562-6150

Sincerely,

Canyon Village Water System Representative U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index http://www.bls.gov/cpi/#overview

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