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Important Notice

April 24, 2009

Pioneer Water Company, Inc. has filed for approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation commission to increase rates \$14,400 (20 Percent) annually. Current rates have been in effect for over 7 years. The average customer, using 20,204 gallons per month, will see a monthly increase of around \$8.00. If approved, the new rates will become effective June 15, 2009.

The need for an increase is due to increased costs of supplies, power, labor, laboratory fees and the increase of fees collected by various state regulatory agencies. Also, as the system ages (it began operating in 1977), more maintenance and repairs are required.

Following is a comparison of the current and proposed rates:

<u>Current Rates:</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Rate/1000 gallons used (or portion thereof)</u>
¾ inch meter	\$25.00	\$.75
1 inch meter (1.67)	\$41.75	\$.75

<u>Proposed Rates:</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Usage Rate Rate/1000 gallons used (or portion thereof)</u>
3/4 inch (1.0)	\$25.00	
0 – 8,000 Gallons used		\$0.95 (I)
8,000 – 30,000 Gallons used		\$1.15 (I)
Over 30,000 Gallons Used		\$1.25 (I)
1 inch (1.67)	\$41.75	
0 – 13,360 Gallons used		\$0.95 (I)
13,360 – 50,100 Gallons used		\$1.15 (I)
Over 50,100 Gallons Used		\$1.25 (I)

If you have any questions about the filing and how it will affect you, please call Pioneer Water Company, Inc. at (509) 448-7667 or E-mail: ashtonplaceapt@aol.com.

The commission has the authority to set final rates that may vary from the company's request, depending on the results of its investigation. To comment on this filing, be added to the commission's mailing list, or ask questions about the ratemaking process, please use the contact information below. You may also comment in person at the commission's open meeting at 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW in Olympia at 9:30 a.m. on June 11, 2009, when the commission is scheduled to make a decision regarding this filing. If you are unable to attend the open meeting in person, you can participate or listen by telephone. Call 360-664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting. You may also comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the commission's web site, at utc.wa.gov/comment or you may provide your comments in the following manner:

Mail: Post Office Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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Sincerely,

Judy Taylor
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