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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Date: June 1, 2010

Roche Harbor Water System, Inc. has filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) for approval to increase the treatment cost recovery rates. The Company installed treatment facilities to address elevated levels of trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids which exceed EPA allowable levels. The treatment that was installed is a Granulated Activated Carbon system. The carbon in the system must be replaced on an annual basis. The purpose of the additional charge is to recover the increased costs of the carbon that must be included in the treatment facilities. If approved, the new rates will become effective on August 1, 2010.

The filing is designed to produce additional revenue of \$10,255 per year. The increase changes the rate from \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons consumed to \$1.68 per 1,000 gallons consumed. The carbon in the treatment system is used up as water is consumed. Therefore, we believe that the fairest way to recover the costs of the carbon in the treatment facility is through a usage-based assessment. These charges apply in addition to the charges set out on Schedule 1 of the Company's tariff.

<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
\$1.00 per 1,000 gallons	\$1.68 per 1,000 gallons

The commission 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 in Olympia, which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on July 29, 2010. You will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. If you are unable to attend the open meeting, 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. You can also comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the commission's Web site at [utc.wa.gov](http://utc.wa.gov) or by using the contact information below.

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Sincerely,

Roche Harbor Water System, Inc.