

WATER OF BETHEL, LLC



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DATE: JUNE 1, 2022

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Water of Bethel has asked the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) for authorization for a general rate change and to update the UTC tariff. If approved, the new rates will become effective August 1, 2022, after the high use summer months. The rates were increased in 2020, however, not enough to cover all the costs associated with having no increase for the previous 20 years. In an effort to bring the system to sustainable rates which support the operations and to offset the significant increase in inflation and the supply chain delays and material shortage issues we are requesting this increase. The increase will bring the company closer towards a sustainable system, thus increasing your property value, increasing your water quality and ensuring your system remains reliable and functional for years to come. If you have any questions about how this rate change may affect you, please call Water of Bethel at 253-255-5892 or bethelh20@gmail.com.

The company revenue impact of this filing, based on a 2021 test year, will be an monthly increase to the company of \$3,600. The average customer usage is 1,068 cubic feet per month and the average bill would increase by approximately \$11.75 starting August 1, 2022. Your increase may be different based on your usage patterns. The rate impact on the average usage customer is presented below:

Average usage 1,068 = base charge plus \$5.00 and usage charge plus \$11.75.

Current Rates:

Meter Size	Monthly Base Rate	1st Block (cubic feet)	1st Usage Rate*	2nd Block (cubic feet)	2nd Usage Rate*	3rd Block (cubic feet)	3rd Usage Rate*
3/4 - Inch	\$25.00	0 – 650	\$.95	651- 1,100	\$1.10	Over 1,101	\$1.50

Proposed Rates:

Meter Size	Monthly Base Rate	1st Block (cubic feet)	1st Usage Rate*	2nd Block (cubic feet)	2nd Usage Rate*	3rd Block (cubic feet)	3rd Usage Rate*
3/4 - Inch	\$30.00	0 – 650	\$1.15	651- 1,100	\$2.25	Over 1,101	\$3.25

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 a.m. on July 28, 2022. The UTC building is closed to the public until further notice. This open meeting may be conducted by telephone only. If you intend to listen or participate, call 360-664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting. You can also call this number for the status of the UTC building closure or visit www.utc.wa.gov. 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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A memo containing the staff recommendation will be available on the commission website about three days prior to the open meeting. To view the memo, go to utc.wa.gov. Click on the link near the bottom that says "Documents." Under "Open Meetings," click on "Agendas, meeting minutes, orders." When the open meeting date (see above) appears, click on it, then on the memo for this filing. Then click on "Documents." This will take you to a page with the memo and other filed documents.

Sincerely,
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