

SOLMAR WATER SYSTEM, INC.
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Ready to Serve	25.00	25.00
3/4" Metered Base Rate	25.00	25.00
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Mail: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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The water meter size for Robin Hill Park is 1 ½ inch. It was mis-identified in the 2013 rate case. The service has been undercharged for the past decade to comply with the approved tariff. The proposed rate complies with the UTCs meter sizing factor and adds the 1 ½ inch meter size to the proposed tariff.

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The water meter size for Lazy Acres Mobile Home Park is 3 inch for 74 mobile home lots. The proposed rate is proportional to roughly 80% of the 3/4 inch single family lot connection rate.

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